

ORDINANCE 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-2-107(11) OF THE GERMANTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO JUDICIAL DIVISIONS

WHEREAS, The judicial department of the city, which is presently presided over by two persons serving in the capacity of city judge, shall henceforth be divided into divisions to be designated as division I and division II; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Mayor Aldermen desires to change the process or requirement for determining the process for establishing the presiding judge for judicial court operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, that Chapter 2, Article IV. Division 2 of the City’s Judicial Ordinance within Section 2-107 be amended as follows:

(UNDERLINED text to be added and ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ text to be deleted refers to amendments to Chapter 2 of the ordinance).

Divisions. The judicial department of the city, which is presently presided over by two persons serving in the capacity of city judge, shall henceforth be divided into divisions to be designated as division I and division II. If the board should increase by future ordinance the number of persons who shall serve as city judge, additional divisions shall be automatically created upon such persons taking office. ~~The present city judge with seniority in the position shall preside over division I and the other city judge shall preside over division II. Such divisions shall henceforth bear the designation of division I or II as is established hereby.~~ The present city judge with seniority in the position shall be determined to be the presiding judge. If both judges are newly elected in the same election cycle, the judge whose admittance to practice law occurred the earliest shall be deemed to be the presiding judge. In any election for the position of city judge, all persons shall be required to designate which division of the judicial department of the city to which they seek election, and no person shall be permitted to seek election to more than one division in any election.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Germantown, Tennessee, and the public welfare demanding it.

First Reading: August 14,2023
Second Reading: September 11,2023
Third Reading: September 25,2023

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor
Clerk/Recorder

Michele Betty, City