

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE I, SECTION 30-2, SUBSECTION (a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A CHIEF JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-32-2 provides that the governing body of a municipal corporation within the State of Georgia having a municipal court, as provided by the act incorporating the municipal corporation or any amendments thereto, is authorized to appoint a judge of such court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) charter provides in Sec. 4.02(b) (“Charter”) that all judges shall be appointed by resolution of City Council and shall serve for a term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and for the proper administration, purpose and function of its municipal court to designate a chief judge to serve as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-2 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (“Code”), which provides for the appointment of municipal court judges, currently does not provide for the designation of a chief judge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to provide for the designation of a chief judge of the City’s municipal court to enhance the court’s administration, purpose and function, City Council does hereby adopt the following Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-2, Subsection (a) by deleting in its entirety the current Subsection (a) and substituting the following as Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-2, Subsection (a), which shall henceforth read as follows:

“(a) In accordance with section 4.02 of the Charter, the council shall appoint the municipal court judges with compensation to be fixed by the council. Of the municipal court judges appointed by the council, the mayor shall appoint and the council shall approve a chief judge of the municipal court. Every two (2) years, a new chief judge shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by the council from among the judges currently serving on the municipal court. A judge may be appointed to serve for two (2) consecutive terms as chief judge. The chief judge shall perform all duties assigned to the chief judge by the Uniform Rules, Municipal Courts of the State of Georgia, as amended from time to time (“Uniform Rules”), in accordance with applicable provisions of the Uniform Rules.

The chief judge shall take any and all such other actions as may be authorized for a chief judge of municipal court pursuant to the Uniform Rules, as may be approved by the council, and city ordinances.

The chief judge shall serve as such at the pleasure of the mayor and the council.”

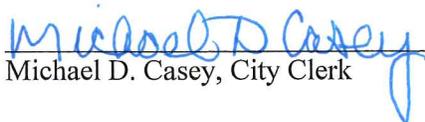
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 2nd day of August, 2016.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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