

ORDINANCE 1557

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SALARY AND PROTEMPORE JUDGE SALARY

WHEREAS, by way of Ordinance 1476, the city established a municipal court as authorized under chapter 3.50 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 3.50.080 requires that the salary of the municipal court judge shall be fixed by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the city council approved a contract with the municipal court judge that expires on December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the presiding municipal court judge may designate one or more persons as judges pro tem to serve in the absence or disability of the appointed judge; and

WHEREAS, RCW 3.50.090 requires that the salary of such pro tempore judges shall be fixed by ordinance;

WHEREAS, the city council desires to adopt this ordinance for consistency with RCW 3.50.080 and RCW 3.50.090;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Municipal Court Judge Salary. Section 2.54.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.54.040 Municipal court judge salary.

The monthly base salary for the municipal court judge shall be ~~\$5,500~~ \$7,500 for general administrative time, jury and non-jury trials and hearings, occasional in-custody arraignments, regular court calendars, and related activities.

Section 2. Pro Tempore Judge Salary. Section 2.54.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.54.050 Pro tempore judge salary.


The hourly base rate for municipal court judge pro tempore shall be ~~\$60.00~~ \$75.00.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, clause or phrase of this ordinance.


Section 4. Correction of Errors. The city clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.


ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 24th day of November, 2025.



Mary Barber
Mayor

Approved as to form:


Daniel Kenny
City Attorney

Attest:


Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk