

**RESOLUTION NO. 1354**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON,** relating to the reinstatement of the part-time Municipal Court Judge position, cancelling future elections for the position of Municipal Court Judge, and superseding Resolution No. 1221.

**WHEREAS,** RCW 3.50.055 requires that each full-time equivalent judicial position shall be filled by election, and

**WHEREAS,** on March 25, 2010, the City Council of Des Moines adopted Ordinance No. 1482 which created a full-time elected position of Des Moines Municipal Court Judge, set terms, and established appointment guidelines for vacancies and removals, and

**WHEREAS,** as a result, the position of Des Moines Municipal Court Judge was submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Des Moines for a term of four years on the primary and general election ballots of 2013, and every four years thereafter, in accordance with Des Moines Ordinance No. 1482, and

**WHEREAS,** based on efficiencies implemented in the Municipal Court, the full-time judicial position was found to no longer be necessary and therefore no longer required to be an elected position under state law, and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 1650 on June 23, 2016 reclassifying the full-time Municipal Court Judge position to part-time effective January 1, 2017, and

**WHEREAS,** by copy of Ordinance No. 1650, the Department of Elections has been notified of the reclassification and has documented the change to a part-time position, and

**WHEREAS,** the Des Moines City Council finds it is necessary and appropriate to adopt this Resolution superseding Resolution No. 1221 to be consistent with Ordinance No. 1650 and to inform the Department of Elections that the position will no longer be filled by election; now therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Sec. 1.** Resolution No. 1221 is hereby superseded, effective January 1, 2017.

**Sec. 2. Des Moines Municipal Court Judge.** Consistent with Ordinance No. 1650, the Des Moines Municipal Court Judge position has been reclassified as a part-time appointed position and future elections are unnecessary.

**ADOPTED BY** the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 19th day of January, 2017 and signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of January, 2017.

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk