

BILL NO. 24-048  
ORDINANCE NO. 19567

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 22 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE CITY CODE BY DELETING SECTION 1.22.004 AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 1.22.004 CHANGING THE REQUIRED AGE OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE

WHEREAS, the City Charter in Article 4, sets forth certain minimum requirements for persons to be Municipal Court Judge; and,

WHEREAS, Section 479.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that certain additional minimum qualifications for persons to be Municipal Court Judges and the City Council deems it advisable to adopt these recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 1.22.004 of the City Code be and is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Section 1.22.004 is enacted in lieu thereof as follows:

“SEC 1.22.004. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

1. The Municipal Judge shall possess the qualifications as set forth below. He or she may complete their term so long as he or she remains qualified. He or she may not hold any other office within the municipal government, but may accept other employment notwithstanding the requirements of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Missouri Supreme Court Rule 2.
2. The minimum qualifications for the position of municipal court judge shall be as follows:
  - a. must be licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri and in good standing with the Missouri Bar for a minimum period of four years immediately preceding appointment.
  - b. must be a resident of the City for four years immediately preceding appointment, and remain a resident throughout the term.
  - c. must be at least 21 years old, but not more than 70 75 years old.

Section 2. That the applicable provisions of Ordinance number 19274 and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That all other provisions of the City Code shall remain in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.

PASSED THIS 18 DAY OF July 2024 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.



Presiding Officer of the City Council  
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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