ORDINANCE 21-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE MUNICPIAL CODE TITLE 3 MUNCIPAL COURT CHAPTER 1 CITY JUDGE

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Alderman desire to update the Municipal Code regarding the term start date for the elected City Judge to align with elections and Board of Mayor and Aldermen term start date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Mayor Alderman that the White House Municipal Code Title 3 MUNICIPAL COURT, Chapter 1 CITY JUDGE be amended from the Municipal Code as follows:

TITLE 6:

MUNICIPAL COURT

CHAPTER 1:

CITY JUDGE

SECTION:

3-102 *Amendments are made in bold, italics, and underlined text.

3-102. <u>Popular election, term, salary, etc.</u> (1) Popular election. The November general election of 2014, and every eight years thereafter, the city judge shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city for a term of eight years, and the city judge shall take office January 1 next following his or her election. The term of the current judge shall be extended from September 1, 2014 until January 1, 2015. <u>commence their term of office and be sworn in at the regular meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen in January of the calendar year following in which said office is elected or re-elected.</u>

- (2) Qualifications. The municipal judge shall be a resident of the City of White House one year and a resident of Tennessee five years immediately preceding his/her election and at least 30 years of age. In addition, the municipal judge shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee.
- (3) Vacancies in office. Vacancies in the office of municipal judge shall be filled by the board of mayor and aldermen until the next regular August <u>November</u> general election. At the next regular August <u>November</u> election the person elected shall fill the unexpired term if the full term is not to be filled at that election.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its final reading and adoption by the Board of Mayor Alderman, and publication, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading:

September 16, 2021

PASSED

Second Reading:

October 21, 2021

PASSED

Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Derek Watson, City Recorder