

Sec. 38-9. - Municipal court judge.

In accordance with Section 3.5 of the Charter of the City of Griffin, Georgia, the board of commissioners shall appoint a municipal court judge to hold and preside over the municipal court. The municipal court judge shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia and have served at least seven years as an active member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia. The judge shall serve at the pleasure of the governing authority, who shall set his or her compensation by resolution, and shall satisfactorily complete the required training for such office. Before assuming the duties of the office, the person appointed shall subscribe to the following oath: "I swear (or affirm) that I will well, faithfully, and impartially and without fear, favor, or affection discharge my duties as judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Griffin, Georgia."

The governing authority may also appoint one or more assistant municipal court judges to hold and preside over the municipal court in the absence, disability, or disqualification of the municipal court judge, and shall set the term and compensation thereof by resolution. Assistant judges shall possess all qualifications and satisfy all training requirements for the office of municipal court judge. While presiding, the assistant municipal court judge(s) shall have and may exercise all powers and duties of the municipal court judge as granted by law or Charter of the City of Griffin.

In addition to the powers and duties granted by law or Charter of the City of Griffin, the judge and assistant judge(s) of the municipal court shall have and may exercise the same powers and authorities as magistrates in the matter of and pertaining to criminal cases of whatsoever nature returnable to the several courts of this state.

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