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Mr. Kenny Smith City Manager One Griffin Center Griffin, Georgia 30223

RE:

Municipal Court Judge

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please be advised that I would like to submit my name for reappointment as the City of Griffin Municipal Court Judge for 2016. I believe that the municipal court continues to operate efficiently, and the staff continues to remain productive. The clerk and her staff along with the prosecutor and her staff are all working in a good and cooperative mode which has kept the dockets current with no real backups.

I would also request that the salary of the judge be increased to \$24,000.00 and the solicitor to \$22,000.00 beginning with the FS 2016-17 budget.

As I have mentioned previously, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the public.

With best regards, I am

Very Truly Yours,

William G. Johnston, III

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, DESIGNATING A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF GRIFFIN; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF SAID OFFICE; PROVIDING THE COMPENSATION FOR SAID OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, that William G. Johnston, III, is hereby appointed to the office of Municipal Court Judge, to serve at the pleasure of this Board. Upon taking the oath of office, the Municipal Court Judge shall perform the duties and undertake to perform all responsibilities imposed thereon under the Charter of the City of Griffin, Georgia, Section 3.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said position is hereby set at \$20,000 per annum, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

SO RESOLVED, this 12th day of January 2016.

Chairperson, City of Griffin Commission

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)

Kenny L. Smith, Secretary

Section 3.5. Municipal court judge.

There shall be appointed by the commission a judge of the municipal court, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission, subject to the Rules of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Such judge shall be a member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, having at least seven years' experience in the practice of law. The judge shall preside over all sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin, Georgia, and perform all judicial functions required by general law and this charter. The commission shall fix the compensation for the office by ordinance or resolution. The judge may be removed from office at any time, without cause or notice, upon the affirmative vote of at least four members of the commission. The judge may appoint a qualified attorney to serve as judge pro tempore during his or her absence or disability or to handle specific cases in which the judge may have a conflict.

(2004 Ga. Laws, page 4232)