

ORDINANCE NO. O2019-020

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA,
ARIZONA, TO UPDATE THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR
THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1,
2020**

WHEREAS, the Yuma City Charter provides at Article XI, Section 3, that the compensation for the Municipal Judge is to be set by ordinance by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution provides at Article IV, Part 2, §17 that said compensation shall not be increased or diminished after the election or during the Municipal Judge's term of office; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance O2011-18, the City Council last established the compensation of the Municipal Judge whose term is to expire on December 31, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish compensation to be paid to the Municipal Judge beginning with the next term of that elected position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: The annual salary of the Municipal Judge declared elected as of the General Election on November 5, 2019, shall be set at \$103,950 from and after January 1, 2020. The salary shall be paid biweekly. This compensation is in consideration of the full-time Municipal Judge position requiring the Municipal Judge to be available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Municipal Judge shall also be available on an as-needed basis twenty-four (24) hours a day.

SECTION 2: In addition to the compensation set forth in Section 1, the Municipal Judge shall be a full time City employee and entitled to the same benefits as any other full time City employee with the exception that the Municipal Judge shall receive, in lieu of general leave and the 40-hour statutory paid sick time, leave accrual consisting of twenty-five (25) working days (with the rollover option allowed for all City employees) per year for each year of the Municipal Judge's term of office.

SECTION 3: That Ordinance No. O2011-18, which established the compensation for the Municipal Judge effective May 18, 2011, is hereby expressly repealed effective at midnight on December 31, 2019, and declared to be void and of no effect after that date and time.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

Richard W. Files
City Attorney