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Sec. 15-8. Judicial Selection advisory Board – Establishment; membership; powers and duties; operating procedures.

(a) There is hereby created a Judicial Selection Advisory Board to be composed of five members, consisting of the following:

- (1) A Judge of the Arizona Superior Court-Maricopa County as designated by the Presiding Judge of that Court;
- (2) Two active members of the State Bar of Arizona, one of who must be a resident of the City of Peoria and who shall be appointed by the Mayor from among nominees recommended by the State Bar's Board of Governors;
- (3) Two public members who are nominated by the Mayor and who are residents of the City of Peoria. None of the public members or a member of their immediate family shall be an employee or elected official of the City of Peoria. Immediate family is defined as Spouse, Parent, Child, Sibling, Step Parent, Step Child, Grand Parent, Grand child.

(b) All members other than the Judge of Superior Court shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Judicial Selection Advisory Board shall be deemed a non scheduled board in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Peoria City Code. Members shall serve a term of four years. The members shall serve without salary or compensation.

(c) The Board's officers shall consist of a chairman and vice-chairman, each selected from the Board's members. Officers shall serve one-year terms. The members shall determine operating procedures for the Board, which shall be kept in writing. The vice-chairman shall preside whenever the chairman is absent or unable to act. The chairman will have the duty to prepare written reports as may be requested by the City Council.

(d) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To conduct investigations into the background and qualifications of candidates for the office of Presiding Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge, including but not limited to the use of questionnaires, personal interviews, and contacting such individuals and institutions as it deems reasonable to obtain as much background information on the candidate as possible.
- (2) In the case of the Presiding Municipal Judge, if the Presiding Municipal Judge is seeking reappointment for a new term of office commencing July 1, then by January 31, of the year in which the term of the Presiding Municipal Judge ends, the Board shall commence the process to review and submit a recommendation to the City Council Subcommittee on Charter Officers regarding the reappointment of the Presiding Municipal Judge. The Board shall submit its recommendation no

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later than April 1 of the year in which the term of the Presiding Municipal Judge ends.

- (3) If the position of the Presiding Municipal Judge is vacant, The Board shall review all applications for the position. The Board shall recommend to the City Council, three persons nominated by the Board to fill the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by the City Council from the names submitted to the Council by the Board.
- (4) In the case of an Associate Municipal Judge, if the Associate Municipal Judge is seeking reappointment for a new term of office commencing July 1, then by January 31, of the year in which the term of the Associate Municipal Judge ends, the Board shall commence the process to review and submit a recommendation to the Presiding Municipal Judge regarding the reappointment of the Presiding Municipal Judge. The Board shall submit its recommendation no later than April 1 of the year in which the term of the Associate Municipal Judge ends.
- (5) If the position of the Associate Municipal Judge is vacant, The Board shall review all applications for the position. The Board shall recommend to the Presiding Municipal Judge, three persons nominated by the Board to fill the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by the Presiding Municipal Judge from the names submitted by the Board.

(e) The Board may consider the diversity of the community in making its recommendations, However, in submitting its recommendations for candidates for appointment or reappointment to the office of Presiding Municipal Judge or Associate Municipal Judge, the Board shall make such recommendations without regard for race, religion, political affiliation or sex of the candidate.

(f) The meetings of the Board shall be held once each year for the purpose of reviewing operating procedures and on call of the chairman or a majority of the members.

(g) The chairman of the Board shall issue a call for a meeting promptly upon learning of the existence or anticipated existence of a vacancy in the office of judge of the City Court. The Board shall, whenever practical, hold public meetings designed to permit interested parties and groups to submit and recommend persons for consideration.

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