

2.20.020 - Municipal Judge.

- A. Qualifications. The presiding officer of the Castle Rock Municipal Court shall be a Municipal Judge appointed by the Town Council. He or she shall be an attorney currently licensed to practice in the State, in good standing with the Supreme Court of the State and have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the active practice of law at the time of appointment.
- B. Private Practice. Pursuant to Section 12-5-110, C.R.S., the Municipal Judge may maintain a private practice provided that such practice does not conflict with or cause him or her to engage in any appearances or practice before the Municipal Court of the Town. Furthermore, at such time as the position of Municipal Judge becomes full-time, then such private practice shall no longer be authorized.
- C. Appointment and Term of Office. Biannually, commencing with the expiration of the term of the sitting Municipal Judge in January 1992, the Municipal Judge shall be appointed at the first regular Town Council meeting in January, by resolution of the Town Council for a two-year term of office. The term shall expire at the first regular Town Council meeting in January of each even-numbered year. Vacancies in the office of Municipal Judge shall be filled by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.
- D. Compensation. In the resolution appointing the Municipal Judge, the fixed annual compensation of Municipal Judge shall be established. The Town Council, at its discretion, may provide that the Municipal Judge is entitled to one (1) or more of the benefits afforded municipal employees. However, the granting of such benefits in any one (1) term shall not entitle the Municipal Judge to such benefits with subsequent reappointment. The Municipal Judge shall not be entitled to any of the rights or benefits afforded a permanent employee under the Town's personnel policy, unless expressly granted in the resolution of appointment. The terms of compensation and benefits, as well as other administrative matters, may be incorporated into an engagement letter or agreement, approved by the Town Council with appointment.

(Ord. 91-02 §1, 1991; Ord. 90-34 §1(part), 1990)