

## **AGENDA ITEM**

July 19, 2022

Subject: Municipal Court Transfer to Vernon County 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Department: Administration

Ordinance to transfer the Nevada Municipal Court to be heard in the Vernon County Circuit Court.

### **Manager Notes:**

- The transfer of the Nevada Municipal Court to the Vernon County Circuit Court is estimated to be a six month process. Tentative timeline is January 2023 for cases to be heard in the Circuit Court.
- Judge and staff reduction is anticipated to present some cost savings to the City while reducing our liability and satisfying state court standards.
- A City prosecutor will need to stay employed to work cases for the City.
- Judge, City Prosecutor, and staff have been informed of the pending transfer.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI TRANSFERRING THE NEVADA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AND TRANSFERRING THE MUNICIPAL DIVISION CASES TO BE HEARD IN THE VERNON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ASSOCIATE DIVISION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** As soon as practicable after July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the next regularly scheduled City of Nevada Municipal Court Docket, but no later than six months from the effective date of this Ordinance, the City of Nevada Municipal Court shall be transferred to the Vernon County Circuit Court and City of Nevada Municipal Division Cases shall be heard in the Vernon County Circuit Court Association Division.

**Section 2.** The City Manager is authorized and directed to take all action necessary to transfer the City of Nevada Municipal to the Vernon County Circuit Court and effectuate the transfer of City of Nevada Municipal Division Cases to be heard in the Vernon County, Associate Circuit Court.

**Section 3.** The clerk fee contained in the court costs associated with City of Nevada Municipal Division cases shall be increased to \$15.00

**Section 4.** The Court costs associated with the City of Nevada Municipal Division Cases shall include a \$7.00 court automation fee.

**Section 5.** The provision of this Ordinance shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained within the City of Nevada's Code of Ordinances.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its final passage and approval.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, THIS 2nd DAY OF August, 2022.**

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George Knox, Mayor

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