

## ARTICLE XI. CITY COURT

### Sec. 1. Establishment.

There shall be and is hereby established in the city a municipal court, to be known and designated “The City Court of the City of Casa Grande, Pinal County, State of Arizona.”

### Sec. 2. When open; transaction of certain business on non-judicial days.

The city court shall always be open, except on non-judicial days, and on such non-judicial days, it may transact such business within its jurisdiction as is authorized by law to be transacted by courts of limited jurisdiction, relative to businesses within their jurisdiction.

(Ord. 2482, § 1 (part), 2007)

### Sec. 3. Jurisdiction generally.

Said court shall, within the territorial limits of said city, have and exercise jurisdiction as follows:

(1) It shall have and exercise exclusive original jurisdiction of all proceedings of a criminal nature for the violation of any ordinance of said city, and of every action of a civil nature for the enforcement of a penalty, or the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture imposed by any ordinance of the city for violation thereof, or for neglect to perform any duty by ordinance imposed, and of every action for the collection of any license, fine or penalty due from any person to said city, and required to be paid, or which is due and collectible under the ordinance of said city.

(2) The city court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the justices of the peace, in the precincts where said city is established, over all violations of the laws of the state committed within the limits of said city; said concurrent jurisdiction shall be subject to the rules of civil procedure applicable to trials before justices of the peace.

Sec. 4. Presiding officer; appointment; term.

The presiding officer of the city court shall be a city judge, who shall be appointed by the council for a term coterminus of that of the mayor, unless sooner removed for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance of office.

Sec. 5. Judicial selection.

A. The council shall, by ordinance, establish a Judicial Selection Committee. Such committee shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The committee shall be composed of five persons who are residents of the city. Within thirty days following the expiration of each two year term of the city judge, or following the time that a vacancy exists in such office, the judicial selection committee shall recommend to the council at least two persons to fill such vacancy.

B. The presiding officer of the city court shall be appointed by the council from the list of those persons recommended by the judicial selection committee.

C. Each judicial selection committee, established under the terms of this section, shall exist for the sole purpose of recommending to the city council persons to fill vacancies in the office of city judge, and immediately upon the filling of the vacancy by the city council, each judicial selection committee shall forthwith cease to exist.

(Ord. 2482, § 1 (part), 2007)

Sec. 6. Disposition of fines; penalties and fees.

All fines, penalties and fees collected by the city judge shall be paid to the properly designated officer of the city authorized to receive them.

Sec. 7. Power of the city judge to issue writs and processes and to hear cases; nature of writs and processes; records to be kept; duty of police to execute, serve and make proper return of writs and processes.

For the proper carrying out of the jurisdiction, vested in said city judge, he or she shall be entitled and authorized to issue and cause to be

served, any and all writs and processes, and shall have full authority to hear and determine all matters properly coming before and coming within the jurisdiction of the city judge herein specified. The writs and processes to be used shall be similar to those used by justices of the peace in cases of similar nature, and proper record shall be kept of the issuance of writs and processes and returns, and of any kind and all other actions taken relative thereto, and the actions of the court thereon. The police of the city are hereby authorized and directed to execute and serve any and all writs and processes issued out of said city court by said judge, and proper return shall be made by such officer to the same extent as is required of constables and sheriffs in the service and execution of similar papers.

(Ord. 2482, § 1 (part), 2007)

Sec. 8. Ordinances to give effect.

The council shall pass all necessary ordinances to give effect to the provisions of this article, not otherwise herein provided.