

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
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Proposal Due Date: June 25, 2020

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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

The City of Scappoose will receive sealed proposals from qualified members of the Oregon State Bar to serve as a Municipal Court Judge for the City until June 25th at 4:00pm at Scappoose City Hall, located at 33568 E Columbia Ave, Scappoose, Oregon 97056. Interested parties are invited to submit a proposal outlining their experience and qualifications in performing work directly related to the services required as detailed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) packet.

While the City is requesting proposals for a Municipal Court Judge, this action should not be seen as a negative reflection on the services currently being provided.

No proposal will be considered unless fully completed in a manner provided in the RFP packet. Facsimile and electronic (email) proposals will not be accepted nor will any proposal be accepted after the stated due date and time. Any proposal received after the closing time will be returned to the submitting proposer unopened after a contract has been awarded for the required services.

Proposers are required to certify non-discrimination in employment practices, and identify resident status as defined in ORS 279A.120(b). Pre-qualification of proposers is not required. All proposers are required to comply with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes and Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) Policy.

The City may reject any proposal not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause any or all proposals upon a finding of the City if it is in the public interest to do so.

SECTION 2 - PROPOSER'S SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Proposed Timeline

Action	Location	Date	Time
Solicitation Advertisement	Spotlight, City Website	6/11/2020	N/A
Proposals Due	Scappoose City Hall	6/25/2020	4:00 PM
Interviews (if held)	Scappoose City Hall	TBD	TBD
Notice of Intent to Award Contract	City of Scappoose	7/15/2020	9:00 AM
Council Approval	City Council	7/20/2020	7:00 PM
Challenge Period Expires and Award of Contract	City Manager	7/22/2020	9:00 AM
Commencement of Services	NA	7/29/2020	8:00 AM

*These dates are approximate and subject to change at the sole discretion of the City

2.2 General

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer certifies that the Proposal has been arrived at independently and has been submitted without any collusion designed to limit competition.

2.3 Proposal Submittal

The Proposal and all amendments must be signed and submitted no later than June 25th, 2020 by 4:00 pm to the address below. Proposals must be submitted with five (5) hardcopies, one (1) being original, in a sealed envelope and designated with proposal title. To assure that your proposal receives priority treatment, please mark as follows.

City Municipal Court Judge

Due: June 25th, 2020, 4:00pm

City of Scappoose– City Hall

Attn: City Recorder Susan Reeves, MMC
33568 E Columbia Ave
Scappoose, OR 97056

Proposer shall put their name and address on the outside of the envelope. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that proposals are received prior to the stated closing time. The City shall not be responsible for the proper identification and handling of any proposals submitted incorrectly. Late proposals, late modification or late withdrawals shall not be considered or accepted after the stated bid opening date and time and shall be returned unopened. Facsimile and electronic (email) proposals will not be accepted.

2.4 Protest Scope of Work or Work Terms

A Proposer who believes any details in the scope of work or terms detailed in the proposal packet and sample contract are unnecessarily restrictive or limit competition may submit a protest in writing, to City Hall. A protest may be submitted via facsimile. Any such protest shall include the reasons for the protest and shall detail any proposed changes to the scope of work or terms. City Staff shall respond to any protest and, if necessary, shall issue any appropriate revisions, substitutions, or clarification via addenda to all interested Proposers.

To be considered, protests must be received at least five (5) days before the proposals are due. The City shall not consider any protest against award due to the content of the scope of work in the RFP or contract terms submitted after the established protest deadline. All protests should be directed to the City Recorder, Susan Reeves, and be marked as follows:

RFP Specification/Term Protest

City of Scappoose
Attn: City Recorder Susan Reeves, MMC
33568 E Columbia Ave.
Scappoose, OR 97056

If a protest is received in accordance with section above, the proposal opening date may be extended if necessary to allow consideration of the protest and issuance of any necessary addenda to the proposal documents.

2.5 Proposal Submission and Signing

All requested forms and attachments must be submitted with the Proposal and in the required format. The submission and signing of a proposal shall indicate the intention of the proposer to adhere to the provisions described in this RFP.

2.6 Cost of Preparing a Proposal

The RFP does not commit the City to paying any costs incurred by Proposer in the submission or presentation of a proposal, or in making the necessary studies for the preparation thereof.

2.7 Interpretations and Addenda

All questions regarding this project proposal shall be directed to City Recorder Susan Reeves, MMC. If necessary, interpretations or clarifications in response to such questions will be made by issuance of an "Addendum" made available to all prospective Proposers on the City's website within a reasonable time prior to proposal closing, but in no case less than 72 hours before the proposal closing. If an addendum is necessary after that time, the City, at its discretion, can extend the closing date. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check the City's website for addendums.

2.8 City's Project Manager

The City's Project Manager for this work will be City Recorder Susan Reeves, MMC, who can be reached by phone at 503-543-7146 or email at sreeves@cityofscappoose.org.

2.9 Proposal Validity Period

Each proposal shall be irrevocable for a period of ninety (90) days from the Proposal Opening Date.

2.10 Form of Contract

A copy of the City's Municipal Court Judge Agreement, which the City expects the successful proposer to execute is included as "Attachment A". The contract will incorporate the terms and conditions from this RFP document and the successful proposer's response documents. Proposers taking exception to any of the contract terms shall submit a protest or request for change in accordance with Section 2.4 "Protest of Scope of Work or Terms" or their exceptions will be deemed waived.

2.11 Term of Contract

The term of the contract shall commence following approval by City Council and run continuously.

2.12 Termination

The contract may be terminated without cause by either part upon thirty (30) day written notice to the other party.

2.14 Non-Collusion

Proposer certifies that this proposal had been arrived at independently and has been submitted without collusion designed to limit independent bidding or competition.

2.15 Public Record

All bid material submitted by bidder shall become the property of the City and is public record unless otherwise specified. A bid that contains any information that is considered trade secret under ORS 192.501(2) should be segregated and clearly identified as such. This information will be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192. The above restrictions may not include cost or price information, which must be open to the public. The City accepts no liability for the inadvertent or unavoidable release of any confidential information submitted, and any claims arising out of any public record request for such information shall be at the proposer's expense.

2.16 Employment Relationship

The municipal judge is considered an independent contractor, and as an independent contractor, is responsible for all employees, subcontractors, and agents performing any portions of the duties. The Judge will not be considered an employee of the City of Scappoose therefore will not be eligible to receive any benefits, vacation, or sick-leave. The applicant will be subject to a criminal background check as well as other background checks. Employment with the City in this position requires a pre- employment initial drug screen testing and fingerprinting.

SECTION 3

3.1 Background

The Municipal Court is established by the City Charter, the municipal court judge is appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council.

The Court provides a local forum for the resolution of City municipal code violations, Oregon motor vehicle law violations, and misdemeanor violations in Scappoose as cited/investigated by the Scappoose Police Department.

The mission of the Municipal Court is to guarantee all persons accused of violations or crimes their constitutional rights to a fair and speedy judicial process while preserving their dignity, as well as protecting the rights of the citizens of Scappoose. We strive to provide defendants with the tools they need to successfully complete their court requirements.

Court sessions are currently held one day a week (Wednesday). Arraignments by video are conducted between the Court and the Columbia County Jail to reduce the number of transports needed by police services. The Court uses pretrial conferences as a tool in adjudicating cases more efficiently. The Court also uses deferred sentencing, community service programs and diversion agreements, when appropriate.

You may be asked to give your professional opinion and thoughts on changes which may/may not include the City not pursuing City municipal code violations, Oregon motor vehicle law violations, and misdemeanor criminal code violations in Scappoose as cited/investigated by the Scappoose Police Department.

Municipal Court staffing currently is composed of:

- A Contract Municipal Judge that provides services to support court operations.
- A full time Office Administrator assigned to courts that coordinates the Court schedule, maintains appropriate documentation for a court, completes court orders, monitors probation compliance and monitors and process payments of court fines.
- A part time hourly City Prosecutor that provides prosecutorial services to the City.
- The Court department is currently supervised by the City Finance Administrator.

The following are workload indicators:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cases Filed					
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	118	100	81	106	89
Non-Traffic Violations	15	35	16	7	25
Traffic Misdemeanors	46	86	45	136	99
Traffic Violation	910	1066	840	785	483
Municipal Code Misdemeanors		5	1		
Ordinance Violations		4	8	7	
Parking	21	7	35	11	1
Community Service					9
Total Misdemeanors	164	191	127	242	188
Total Violations	925	1105	864	799	517
Total Cases Filed	1089	1296	991	1041	705

SECTION 4 - SCOPE OF WORK

4.1 Judicial Duties

The duties include all normal duties of municipal judge acting in that capacity for municipal court. These duties include having arraignments, accepting pleas, conducting bench trials, presiding over jury trials and conducting sentencing hearings. It may be necessary to conduct a jury trial on a separate day from regular court day. The judge also issues warrants, such as bench warrant for criminal non-appearances, review probation reports, and have probation violation hearings. Judge will be responsible to interview defendants to see if they qualify for court appointed attorney, before they are assigned.

Court will be held in a professional manner according to standards observed by independent contractors in the Municipal Court Judge profession. The Judge shall maintain membership with the Oregon State Bar, maintain all education requirements for the position and comply with all the reporting requirements under the applicable Oregon Revised Statutes.

The Office Administrator assigned to courts assists the Judge with paperwork and necessary orders. The judge may review and make recommendations regarding court programs, court fines, court charges, and court procedures. The judge will help keep the court staff apprised of changes in laws and procedures.

When possible, in-custody arraignments are conducted via video from the jail on regular court day, otherwise the in-custody defendants are brought to the courtroom for arraignments.

Judge will perform duties at a rate to be negotiated. Additional court days or night court can be added to the Court schedule. Times, dates and additional compensation will be negotiated with the City Manager.

SECTION 5 - PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMAT

5.1 Format

Respondent's proposal should include the following items in the following sequence and any additional information you deem relevant:

1. Provide a brief description of your professional experience and qualifications including:
 - a) Education
 - b) Employment
 - c) Offices held
 - d) Professional organizations
 - e) Oregon State Bar number
 - f) Resume
2. Identify any experience with municipal law.
3. Describe your capability in providing services as Municipal Court Judge.
4. Provide a brief description of your judicial philosophy.
5. Provide a brief description of various projects that you would anticipate initiating (if any) for the Court.
6. Provide a brief description of your philosophy as to the administration of the fines for first and repeat offenders.
7. Provide any other information or comments, which you believe are relevant and will assist the City in making its selection:
 - a. Additional questions concerning judicial philosophy, programs, and duties may be asked at an interview after initial reviews. Additional information may be requested in order to conduct a background check.
8. Provide three current letters of recommendation made in specific reference to this position.

5.2 Additional Information

Please provide any other information you feel would help the Selection Committee evaluate your firm for the specialized legal service responded to.

5.3 Disputes

Should any doubt or difference of opinion arise between the City and a Proposer as to the items to be furnished hereunder or the interpretation of the provisions of this RFP, the decision of the City shall be final and binding upon all parties.

5.4 City Personnel

No Officer, agent, consultant or employee of the City shall be permitted any interest in the contract.

SECTION 6 - PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

6.1 Selection and Evaluation Process

A Selection Committee assembled by the City will review the written proposals and conduct interviews. Proposals will be evaluated to determine which ones best meet the needs of the City. After meeting the mandatory requirements, the proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the following:

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| 1. <u>Completed Proposal submitted on time</u> | <u>Pass/Fail</u> |
| 2. <u>An original plus four (4) copies of the complete proposal</u> | <u>Pass/Fail</u> |
| 3. <u>Qualifications & Experience</u> | <u>70 points</u> |
| 4. <u>References</u> | <u>30 points</u> |

***IF INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED, THEY WILL BE SCORED SEPARATELY FOR A POTENTIAL OF 100
ADDITIONAL POINTS**

6.2 Clarification of Proposals

The City reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in regards to a proposal or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a particular proposal. Failure of a Proposer to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of their proposal.

6.5 Protest of Award

In accordance with OAR 137-047-0740 and ORS 279B.410, any adversely affected Proposer has seven (7) calendar days from the date of the written notice of award to file a written protest.

6.6 Proposal Rejection

The City reserves the right to:

- 1.** Reject any or all proposals not in compliance with all public procedures and requirements;
- 2.** Reject any proposal not meeting the specifications set forth herein;
- 3.** Waive any or all irregularities in proposals submitted;
- 4.** In the event two or more proposals are for the same amount for the same work, the City shall follow the provision listed in OAR 137-046-0300;
- 5.** Reject all proposals;
- 6.** Award any or all parts of any proposal; and
- 7.** Request references and other data to determine responsiveness.

SECTION 7 - PROPOSAL CERTIFICATIONS

Non-discrimination Clause

The Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any client, employee or applicant for employment or for services, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or age with regard to, but not limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training; rendition of services. It is further understood that any contractor who is in violation of this clause shall be barred from receiving awards of any purchase order from the City, unless a satisfactory showing is made that discriminatory practices have terminated and that a recurrence of such acts is unlikely.

Agreed by: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Resident Certificate

Please Check One:

☐ **Resident Vendor:** Vendor has paid unemployment taxes and income taxes in this state during the last twelve calendar months immediately preceding the submission of this proposal.

Or

☐ **Non-resident Vendor:** Vendor does not qualify under requirement stated above.
(Please specify your state of residence:_____)

Officer's signature:_____

Type or print officer's name:_____