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MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL SEEKS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE APPLICANTS

Applications due Oct. 28

The Missoula City Council is accepting applications to fill the impending vacancy in Municipal Court following Judge Donald Louden's resignation, which is effective Nov. 18. The person appointed will serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The position will be open for nomination and election during the 2013 municipal election.

To be eligible for the office, an applicant must be:

- a U.S. citizen who has resided in the State of Montana two years immediately before taking office;
- a resident of Missoula County for at least one year; and
- admitted to the practice of law in Montana for at least three years prior to the date of appointment as judge.

The position currently pays \$81,618.58 per year. The judge is entitled to City health insurance and must participate in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

The judge is responsible for overseeing the judicial branch of the city government and has many important responsibilities, including:

- Presiding on the bench of the [Missoula Municipal Court](#) at hearings, trials and appearances (including weekend court appearances and occasional official court-related work on nights, weekends and holidays).
- Overseeing the efficient and effective administration of court operations and personnel.

- Maintaining certification and judicial standards established by the Supreme Court and the Montana Legislature.
- Statutory provisions outlined in [Title 3, Chapter 6](#), Montana Code Annotated (MCA) pertaining to Municipal Courts.
- May oversee certain civil matters outlined in [3-11-103](#) MCA.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.ci.missoula.mt.us/judge or call the City Clerk Office at 406-552-6079. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. MST in the City Clerk Office, 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT 59802. Late applications will not be accepted.

The City Council makes the final decision about the appointment. A majority vote of the members in office is required to appoint the judge (an individual must receive seven votes).

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