



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final

Judiciary & Administration Committee

Thursday, January 8, 2026

5:50 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Special Meeting

This meeting is open for in-person attendance and will also be available through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed (no participation) by visiting the Legislative Information Center Meetings calendar (<https://cityoflacrosse.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) - find the scheduled meeting and click on the "In Progress" video link to the far right in the meeting list.

Public comment is limited to agenda items; statements shall be restricted to the subject matter. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please register in advance:

- Register online at <https://www.cityoflacrosse.org/city-services/meeting-registration>
- Contact the City Clerk's Office no later than 4:00p on the day of the meeting, with the following information: name, municipality of residence, if you are representing an organization or a person other than yourself at the meeting, and if you are speaking in favor, opposition or neutral.
- Sign up in person no less than ten (10) minutes before the start of the meeting.

If attending virtual and you wish to speak, contact the City Clerk's Office and we will provide you with the information necessary to join the meeting. Call 608-789-7510 or email cityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org.

Public hearings shall be limited to 30 minutes when there are opposing viewpoints from the public. In the absence of opposing viewpoints, public hearings are limited to 15 minutes. Individual speakers shall speak no more than three (3) minutes unless waived by the Chair or a majority of the committee.

Members of the public who would like to provide written comments on any agenda may do so by emailing cityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org, using a drop box outside of City Hall or mailing to City Clerk, 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse WI 54601.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Agenda Items:

NEW BUSINESS

[26-0019](#)

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding term length of the Municipal Court Judge.

Sponsors: Washington-Spivey

Short-circuited by Mayor Washington-Spivey on 1.6.2026.

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org, with as much advance notice as possible.

Judiciary & Administration Committee Members:

Tamra Dickinson, Olivia Stine, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston



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Text File

File Number: 26-0019

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO.: _____

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding term length of the Municipal Court Judge.

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statute §755.01 allows a municipality to create a municipal court and the City of La Crosse has chosen to have a municipal court, and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statute §755.02 allows a municipality to choose the term length of the Municipal Court Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 19 is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 19. – Municipal Judge; Term Length

The Municipal Judge shall be elected at large in the spring election in even-numbered years for a term of two years commencing on May 1 succeeding the election.

SECTION II: Any charter provision or any previously enacted ordinance or charter ordinance inconsistent or in conflict herewith is hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION III: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after passage and publication unless within said period a referendum petition shall be filed as provided in Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until submission to a referendum vote and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Shaundel Washington-Spivery, Mayor

Nikki Elsen, City Clerk



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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

File ID Caption

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Requestor of Legislation

Location, if applicable

Summary/Purpose

Background

Fiscal Impact

Staff Recommendation



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
LA CROSSE

26-0019

January 6, 2026

I hereby approve the submitting of the attached Legislation “Charter Ordinance to create Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding term length of the Municipal Court Judge” to be considered at the Special Judiciary and Administration Committee meeting on January 8, 2026. This approval is given due to the time element necessitating consideration of the attached Legislation at the earliest possible date.

Mayor Shaundel