

ORDINANCE NO. 453 OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 242 OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, PROVIDING  
FOR THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUDGE OF CITY OF  
BUCKHANNON MUNICIPAL COURT AND MAKING CERTAIN STYLISTIC CHANGES

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Buckhannon, by Ordinance No. 242 adopted on August 20, 1987, established certain requirements for the Judge of the Municipal Court; particularly, that the Judge of the Municipal Court, at all times during his or her service as Judge, shall be a bona fide resident of the City of Buckhannon; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Buckhannon wishes to revisit that requirement in light of the growth and integration of the greater Buckhannon-Upshur community, particularly outside of the municipal limits of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council now deems it to be reasonable and appropriate, and in the best interest of the current and future operation of the City and the Municipal Court, to amend the residency requirements of the Judge thereof to permit any bona-fide resident of Upshur County, West Virginia to serve in that role; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is also to update certain language contained in Ordinance No. 242.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, AS FOLLOWS:

a) That Article 3, Section 3-2 of Ordinance No. 242 of the City of Buckhannon is amended to read as follows:

The Judge of the Municipal Court, at the time of his or her appointment and at all times during the term of his or her office, shall be a bona fide resident of Upshur County, West Virginia. In the event that the Judge of the Municipal Court moves his or her residence from Upshur County, West Virginia during his or her term of office, then he or she shall automatically vacate the office.

b) That all other provisions of Ordinance No. 242 remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE II - EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be deemed effective thirty (30) days following the second (2nd) reading, passage and adoption by the Council of the City of Buckhannon, i.e., November 20, 2021.

FIRST READING:	October 7, 2021
SECOND READING, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION:	October 21, 2021

  
Robert N. Skinner, III, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

I, Randall H. Sanders, City Recorder, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 453 was lawfully ordained and enacted by the Council of the City of Buckhannon at a regular session of the said Council assembled on October 21, 2021.



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Randall H. Sanders, City Recorder