

**RESOLUTION NO. 741**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GRANT BLINN TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014**

WHEREAS, since 2011, the City has contracted with the City of Lakewood through an interlocal agreement for municipal court services, including judicial services; and

WHEREAS, under the interlocal agreement, the City retains the ability to appoint its own judge to hear cases for University Place; and

WHEREAS, under state law, the municipal judge must be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City staff has coordinated closely with the City of Lakewood legal and court staff on the recruitment process, including the advertisement of the position, the review of applications and resumes, and participation on the interview panel to interview the finalists; and

WHEREAS, applicant Grant Blinn, who is a veteran Pierce County Prosecutor, and an experienced Pro Tem Judge, and a resident of University Place, was selected as the top candidate by the interview panel; and

WHEREAS, Grant Blinn received an "Exceptionally Well Qualified" rating from the Washington State Bar Association, which is the highest possible rating; and

WHEREAS upon the recommendation of the interview panel, the City of Lakewood City Manager has appointed Grant Blinn as its Municipal Court Judge, subject to confirmation by the Lakewood City Council; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the interview panel, the City Manager of the City of University Place has appointed Grant Blinn as its Municipal Court Judge, subject to confirmation by the University Place City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, being fully apprised in the process and the qualifications of the appointee Grant Blinn, desires to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Grant Blinn as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of University Place for the four-year term beginning January 1, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council confirms the appointment of Grant Blinn as the municipal court judge for the City of University Place for the four-year term beginning January 1, 2014.


Section 2. Incorporation of recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated as findings in this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

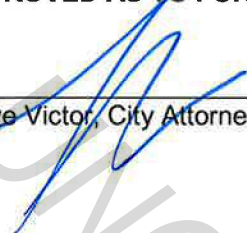
**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2013.**

  
Ken Grassi, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Emerita Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Steve Victor, City Attorney

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