

1 **ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL**  
2 **ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
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4 At regular meetings of the St. Marys City Council, held in the St. Marys City Hall,  
5 St. Marys, Georgia:  
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7 First Adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
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9 Second Adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
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12 Present:

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14 John F. Morrissey, Mayor  
15 Robert L. Nutter, Councilman, Post 1  
16 Elaine Powierski, Councilwoman, Post 2  
17 Jim Gant, Councilman, Post 3  
18 David Reilly, Councilman, Post 4  
19 Allen F. Rassi, Jr., Councilman, Post 5  
20 Linda P. Williams, Councilwoman, Post 6  
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22 On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, which carried  
23 \_\_\_\_\_, the following Charter amendment was adopted:  
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25 A HOME RULE AMENDMENT TO THE ST. MARYS CITY CHARTER, GA. LAWS  
26 1981, PAGE 4763, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY THE  
27 STATE OF GEORGIA IN O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 9,  
28 SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH II OF THE GEORGIA CONSTITUTION, SECTION 6-102 OF  
29 THE ST. MARYS CITY CHARTER, GA. LAWS 1981, PAGE 4763, AS AMENDED, TO  
30 PROVIDE FOR ONE YEAR TERMS FOR THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL  
31 COURT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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33 BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Marys City Council, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
34 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 that the St. Marys City Charter, Ga. Laws 1981, page 4763,  
35 as amended, be and it is hereby amended to change Section 6-102. The amended  
36 section will read as follows:  
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38 **Section 6-102. - Presiding officer; qualifications; compensation; oath.**

39 (a) The municipal court shall be presided over by a chief judge and such part-time, full-  
40 time, or standby associate judge as shall be provided by ordinance.

41 (b) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge of the municipal court  
42 unless such person shall have attained the age of 21 years and shall be a member of  
43 the State Bar of Georgia. All chief judges shall be appointed by the city council for terms

44 of one year. The first such one year judgeship commencing on the date of the next  
45 appointment of the chief judge following the effective date of this provision.

46 (c) Compensation for the judges shall be fixed by ordinance.

47 (d) Before entering on the duties of his office, each judge shall take an oath given by the  
48 mayor that such judge will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the  
49 best of such judge's ability without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered  
50 upon the minutes of the city council.

51 (e) In the event of the absence or disability of the judge of the municipal court for any  
52 cause or during a vacancy in the office, such standby associate judge as shall be  
53 appointed by the mayor and council shall exercise all of the powers and discharge all of  
54 the duties of the judge until the return of the judge or the removal of disability or until the  
55 vacancy in office has been regularly filled.

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58 **This Amendment** shall become effective upon its second passage.

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JOHN F. MORRISSEY, MAYOR

67 ATTEST:

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72 DEBORAH WALKER-REED, CITY CLERK  
73 CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

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75 **EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

76 **NOTE:** Deletions are ~~stricken through~~, additions are underlined. Substantive changes  
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99 (Ord. of 2-14-05, § 16)

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