

**Chapter 8**  
**CITY COURT\***

\* Prior ordinance history: Ord. 1471.

**Sec. 8-1. City Judge—qualifications, location of office.**

**A. Qualifications.**

1. The City Judge after receiving the certificate of election or appointment, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take the constitutional oath of office, which must be filed with the County Clerk.

2. Before the County Clerk may file the oath, the elected or appointed City Judge must satisfy the Clerk that he or she is certified as provided in Section 3-1-1502 or 3-1-1503, Montana Code Annotated.

3. The City Judge must be a resident of the County in which the City or town is located for one (1) year prior to election or appointment.

**B.** The City Judge shall maintain an office and conduct business at the City/County Building. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)

**Sec. 8-2. Bond and oath.**

Before entering upon the duties of the office, the City Judge shall qualify by executing to the City, a bond in a form approved by the City Commission, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States that a just and true account will be rendered of all fines or other monies, and pay the same over to the City immediately upon receipt of the same.

The Judge shall take an oath prior to entering office that the Judge will truly faithfully and fully perform the duties of the office of City Judge of the City pursuant to law and the ordinances of the City. The City Judge shall deliver over to his successor in office, or to any person authorized by law to receive the same, all books, papers, records and other things pertaining to the office, which belong to the City. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)

**Sec. 8-3. Powers.**

The City Court shall have the power to hear all cases, criminal and civil, allowed by State law. The City Judge shall have all powers vested, directly or indirectly, by State law. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)

**Sec. 8-4. Jurisdiction and duties.**

The City Judge shall keep a docket of all cases and shall hear and determine all suits, actions and prosecutions instituted in the City Court under and by virtue of the City ordinances and the laws of the State. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)

**Sec. 8-5. Daily account of funds collected; monthly report, contents.**

It shall be the duty of the City Judge to turn over each day to the City all fines received. At the first meeting in each month, the City Judge shall present to the City Commission a report, in writing, giving a statement of cases tried for offenses against the City, and fines and costs collected during the preceding calendar month, which report shall be accompanied by receipts from the City for the amount of such fines and costs. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)

**Sec. 8-6. Substitution.**

A substitution for the City Judge, when the City Judge is unable to act shall be made as proved in State law. (Ord. 1979, 10/16/06)