



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay
Declaring the week of November 4-8, 2024
as “Municipal Court Week”**

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public’s experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Horseshoe Bay Municipal Court is a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the procedures for the Horseshoe Bay Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Horseshoe Bay is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Horseshoe Bay Municipal Judge is not a policy maker for the City of Horseshoe Bay but is bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and is required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, Court Administrator Beth Kuentz and Court Clerk Susan White, are entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating Municipal Court activities for the City of Horseshoe Bay, and we hereby recognize the vital services they perform and their dedication to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS, PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. November 4-8, 2024 shall hereafter be known as “Municipal Court Week” in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.
2. The City calls upon the citizens of Horseshoe Bay to recognize this week by thanking our Municipal Court staff for the outstanding service they provide to the Horseshoe Bay community.
3. The Legislative Services Director is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for public display, and enter this document into the records of the municipality.


Mayor Elsie Thurman