



Judicial Complaint Form

The mission of the Municipal Court is to ensure that each person accused of a violation, infraction, or crime be guaranteed and provided all the constitutional rights to a fair and speedy judicial process in such a manner that it preserves both the dignity and rights of the defendant, as well as the citizens of Beaverton.

Municipal court judges are held to a high standard and report directly to the Beaverton City Council. The Council evaluates each judge based on a multitude of criteria, including:

- **Legal Ability:** Decides cases based on applicable law, demonstrating competent legal analysis.
- **Integrity:** Performs his/her role free from personal bias. Administers justice fairly, ethically, and uniformly.
- **Communication Skills:** Issues prompt and understandable rulings and directions.
- **Judicial Temperament:** Conducts himself/herself in a dignified and courteous manner.
- **Administrative Performance:** Manages the courtroom effectively.

If you wish to file a complaint against a Beaverton Municipal Court judge for performance and conduct you feel does not meet the standards above, please use this form to share your concerns. *It is important to note that the City Council does not have the authority to review a judge's decision and cannot take action against a judge who acts in good faith in making findings of fact or applying the law.*

A. Instructions for Filing a Complaint:

- a. Complete the form by typing or printing all of the information requested. It is important to make sure that the information in the general allegations section is complete and accurate. Explain the circumstances that led to your complaint in the statement of facts section. Be as specific as possible in describing dates, places, and witnesses to the actions of the judge. List all of the relevant events in chronological order. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- b. Make a copy of the complaint for your records.
- c. Send the original complaint to City of Beaverton, Attn: Human Resources/Judicial Complaint, PO Box 4755, Beaverton, OR 97076, **OR** you may scan and email your complaint to HRmail@beavertonoregon.gov. Please call (503) 526-2200 if you have any questions about this process.

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4. Identify, if you can, any other witnesses to the conduct of the judge:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

5. What do you hope to see change as a result of bringing your allegation(s) or concerns forward?

Thank you for taking the time to share this information with us.

E. For city use only

Date received: _____

Name: _____