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East Ridge City Council Appoints Brandon D. Raulston as Interim City Judge

EAST RIDGE, TN — The East Ridge City Council appointed Brandon D. Raulston as Interim City Judge at its November 12, 2026, meeting. The appointment took effect immediately, and Raulston will serve until the next regular municipal election in 2028.

"Mr. Raulston is well qualified for this role and brings years of legal experience, including prior service in East Ridge Municipal Court," said Mayor Brian Williams. "I appreciate his willingness to continue serving the people of East Ridge, and we look forward to working with him in his new role."

Raulston has previously served as a substitute judge in East Ridge Municipal Court and Hamilton County General Sessions Court. Licensed to practice law in Tennessee since 2001, his private practice in Chattanooga has focused on criminal defense since 2004. He previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Shelby County and as a judicial law clerk in Shelby County Criminal Court and Nashville Metro Criminal Court. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and his Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis School of Law.

Raulston succeeds Judge Tracy Cox, who served as East Ridge's Municipal Court Judge since 2022. Cox resigned recently to join the District Attorney's Office as a Domestic Violence Prosecutor.

"We are sincerely grateful for her dedication, professionalism, and the contributions she has made to our city and the citizens of East Ridge," Mayor Williams said of Judge Cox. The mayor also extended his congratulations and best wishes as she begins her new role.

Raulston will participate in the City's Elected Officials Swearing-In Ceremony on Monday, December 14, 2026, at 6 p.m.

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