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## Judge Thomas Wynne appointed to interim Everett Municipal Court position

EVERETT – Council today approved the appointment of longtime Judge Thomas Wynne of Snohomish County Superior Court to begin serving as an interim Everett Municipal Court Judge early next year.

Mayor Ray Stephanson selected Wynne for the interim position after he expressed desire to continue working in the court system when his most recent term on the Superior Court ends in December. He will serve until the next election in November 2017.

Following 24 years with the Superior Court, Wynne is looking forward to moving across the street to begin his new role with the City of Everett.

“I am excited to work with Judge Laura Van Slyck and all of the folks over at the Everett Municipal Court,” Wynne said.

Stephanson thanked Van Slyck for handling a larger caseload since the retirement of Judge Timothy Odell in June of this year. The court has used pro tem judges to assist in the interim.

Wynne attended the University of Washington for his undergraduate studies, and graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 1968. From there, he served three years in the U.S. Army, and then served Snohomish County as a deputy prosecuting attorney.

Wynne was elected to the District Court Judge position in 1978. He served the South District Court in Lynnwood for 14 years until he was elected to the Snohomish County Superior Court Bench in 1992.

Wynne will begin his time with the City of Everett on Jan. 9, 2017. This interim appointment follows an amendment to the Everett Municipal Code, which allows the Mayor, with the concurrence of at least four councilmembers, to fill the vacancy until the next municipal election.

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