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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council, North Ogden City
FROM: Dave Carlson, City Attorney
DATE: October 6, 2011
RE: *Justice Court Recertification*

Dear City Council Member:

By adopting this proposed resolution, you indicate that you have reviewed my opinion letter and are requesting recertification of the North Ogden City Justice Court. Once every four years the City is required to apply to the Utah Judicial Council for recertification. An application is prepared by the Court Administrator, Laura Barker, providing certain required information about court operation. I am obligated to examine the operation of the court as it relates to both state statutes and Utah Judicial Council rules governing the operation of justice courts and to offer my opinion whether or not our Justice Court is in compliance.

You have my opinion letter, which is incorporated into the resolution, in which I conclude that our court is in full compliance with all legal requirements. Your resolution, together with my opinion and the application prepared by the Court Administrator, will be sent to the Judicial Council where they are reviewed by a committee that then makes a recommendation to the Judicial Council.

A new requirement commencing July 1, 2012, is that justice court proceedings must be digitally recorded. The Administrative Office of the Courts will be providing a grant to the City in the amount of approximately \$2,000 to help defray the cost of installing recording equipment in the courtroom -- the total cost of which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$3,500. The City will be responsible to budget and pay for any cost exceeding the amount of the grant.

If you have any questions, I am happy to try to answer them.

cc: City Recorder