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Administrative Office of the Courts
C/O James Peters, Justice Court Administrator
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RE: Justice Court Consolidation Request

Dear James Peters / Justice Court Administrator

On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, the Heber City Council voted to move forward with an Interlocal Agreement with Wasatch County for Justice Court services.

The City was recently notified that our current judge did not seek retention at the most recent election filing. As a result, the City will now need to either appoint a new judge or pursue consolidation of its Justice Court with Wasatch County. After weighing several factors, the City believes it is appropriate to pursue consolidation through an Interlocal Agreement with Wasatch County.

The City respectfully requests that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) approve the consolidation of the Heber City Justice Court with the Wasatch County Justice Court, subject to the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the two entities. We also respectfully request that the AOC consider waiving or shortening the typical waiting period due to the current vacancy in the Heber City Justice Court and the need to establish continuity of court services for the community.

We believe this consolidation will provide several benefits to the community, including:

1. **Adequate Court Facilities:** Wasatch County has a new court facility that can accommodate the additional workload resulting from the consolidation.
2. **Convenience for the Community:** Residents of Heber City, Wasatch County, and visitors who have court-related matters will be able to conduct their court business at a single location.



3. **Consistency of Service:** Court services will be provided by one entity, creating greater consistency in the administration and delivery of those services.
4. **Expanded Service Hours:** The consolidated court will provide more hours of service to the public than were previously available through the Heber City Justice Court.
5. **No Significant Additional Travel:** The Wasatch County Justice Courts are located in Heber City. As a result, consolidating these services will not require members of the Heber City community additional travel to access court services.
6. **No Staff Reductions Across the Judiciary:** All staff will either be transferred to Wasatch County justice court or reassigned to other duties of equal or great worth.
7. **Wasatch County Interest in Justice Court Consolidation:** Wasatch County has signaled interest in working with Heber City to consolidate their justice court.

The City appreciates your consideration of this request and we look forward to working with the AOC and Wasatch County to ensure a smooth transition of Justice Court services for the community.

Thank you for your consideration,



Matt Brower, City Manager