

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF COLLIN §

ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AS “VISITING TEMPORARY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE”

WHEREAS the Collin County Commissioner’s Court adopted and approved as part of the 2014 2015 budget a visiting Justice Court Judge. That approved position will allow a visiting Judge to fill in as a “Temporary” Justice of the Peace in Collin County at a pay prorated of the current Justice Court Salary. The Commissioner’s Court approved the position to fill-in and serve as a “Temporary” Justice of the Peace in the event of the illness or absence of the sitting Justice Court Judge for up to two weeks per court during the current budget year; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has been unable to locate for appointment a “qualified person” to serve as a “Temporary” Justice of the Peace in the event of the illness or absence of the sitting Justice Court Judge, under the definition of “qualified person” set forth in Section 27/055(c) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; and

WHEREAS the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 27.055(e), provides for the appointment of any qualified voter under TEXAS ELECTION CODE, SECTION 11.002, to serve as a temporary justice of the peace when no “qualified person” as used in said statute has been found to serve; and

WHEREAS Melvin Thathiah is by statute an authorized Magistrate and he is also a qualified voter under Section 11.002 of the Texas Election Code. Judge Melvin Thathiah has not been convicted of a criminal offense that involves moral turpitude. Judge Melvin Thathiah has agreed to serve as “Temporary Justice of the Peace” for Collin County as approved by the Commissioner’s Court and through the appointment by Collin County Judge Keith Self, as authorized by Section 27.055(e) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that JUDGE MELVIN THATHIAH is hereby appointed as a “Temporary” Justice of the Peace as necessary in the periodic, temporary absences of a Collin County Justice Court Judge in the event of the illness or absence, without further

order, for all Precincts as well as cases pending under Collin County, Texas, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 27.055(e).

Signed this 2nd day of February, 2015.



JUDGE KEITH SELF
COLLIN COUNTY JUDGE

Approved as to form and substance:

JUDGE PAUL RALEEH Pct. 1-0

JUDGE JERRY SHAFFER Pct. 2-0

JUDGE CHUCK RUCKEL Pct. 3-1

JUDGE JOHN PAYTON Pct. 3-2

JUDGE MIKE YARBROUGH Pct. 4-0