

CITY OF THOMASTON - PUBLIC DEFENDER

The City of Thomaston is accepting proposals from attorneys who are interested in serving as the City's Public Defender for City Court. The successful candidate does not have to have a law practice in Thomaston.

For consideration under this solicitation, the successful candidate shall:

- Be certified to practice law in the State of Georgia;
- Submit a copy of Bar certification;
- Submit a resume which details criminal defense experience;
- Submit a letter of interest detailing ones approach to providing this service;
- Submit a proposed monthly rate to undertake all services as public defender which shall include providing for other legal counsel to handle conflict cases. Cost shall be a factor, but not the sole determinate in the City's decision.

All proposals shall be submitted to the City Manager's Office, Attention: Gail Hammock, Post Office Box 672, and 106 E. Lee Street, Thomaston, Georgia 30286. Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28th.

The selected candidate must attend two (2) City Court sessions each month. Each session is currently held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and will typically run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch. Most sessions run approximately 6 hours. Additional time is spent handling calls, clients and researching cases or issues that arise. The City Public Defender will not be a city employee and does not participate in the city employee benefits program. Interested parties will be paid monthly based on a fixed rate agreed upon by the city and the public defender.

The preferred candidate will have a working knowledge of the court system. The selected candidate will complete any required training.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. Anyone in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the proposal process may contact the City Manager's office at 706-647-4242. The City of Thomaston is an equal opportunity employer.