

The Village eNews

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NEW CITY PROSECUTOR APPOINTED

On July, 15, 2014, the City Council appointed Matthew Love to serve as City Prosecutor for the City of The Village. Prior to the retirement of long-time City Attorney Stephen Reel, the position of City Attorney included prosecutorial duties and responsibilities. However, after careful consideration, it made a lot of sense to separate those responsibilities into two separate part-time positions. According to City Code, the City Prosecutor is under the supervision of the City Attorney whereas the City

Charter places the Municipal Judge and the City Attorney under the supervision of the City Council.

MEET MATTHEW LOVE

Matthew J. (Matt) Love is an Oklahoma native and resident of Oklahoma City. Matt went to Bishop McGuinness High School where he was active in Speech and Debate and represented the State at the 1998 National Forensics League National Tournament in both Debate and Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. After graduating from High School, Matt attended Saint Louis University. While at SLU, he obtained a BA in Political Science with a Minor in Computer Software Systems. During his time at SLU, Matt was very active on campus, serving two years as a Resident Assistant in the dorms, serving two terms as a Student Senator in the Student Government Association representing engineering and commuter students and was elected as Academic Vice President of the Student Government Association. Matt returned to Oklahoma in 2003 to attend Law School at OU. Between his first and second year in law school, Matt attended the University of Oxford at Brasenose College where he studied the First Amendment and the British Legal System. In between his second and third years, Matt interned at the US Attorney's office in Oklahoma City and had a summer clerkship for Justice Marian Opala of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. While at OU Law School, Matt excelled in Moot Court and was named to the Order of the Barristers. Matt is a member of the Chickasaw Indian Tribe and represented OU twice at the Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) National Moot Court Tournament. Matt and his partner won the National Championship in 2005 and I was named the second best individual speaker at the tournament. Upon graduating from OU in 2006, Matt began working at the Love Law Firm, a two-member firm founded by Margaret Love in the 1990s and dedicated to representing municipalities across the State. In 2009 Matt was named as City Attorney for the City of Warr Acres. As of September 1, Matt will be leaving private practice and will become an Associate General Counsel with the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG). Matt will continue to serve as City Attorney at Warr Acres and as Prosecutor at The Village as he takes on this new role at OMAG. Matt is licensed to practice law in all Oklahoma State Courts, the Federal District Courts in the Western and Eastern Districts, and the Chickasaw Nation Court system. Matt, age 34, married his wife Lindsey in 2012 and the couple welcomed their first child, Maggie English Love, last September.



We welcome Matt to The Village as part of our team!

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