

Ordinance No. ORD 2015-008

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BANNING FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the City of Polson finds that because of extremely dry weather conditions and very high temperatures there exists a very high to extreme fire danger in the Polson community;

WHEREAS, the City Fire Chief and the City Police Chief have recommended to this Commission that the use and discharge of all fireworks within the City limits be banned for a period of ninety days;

WHEREAS, the need for immediate action is necessary as the fire danger continues to rise;

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to adopt this ordinances as quickly as possible and to that end hears this matter as an emergency measure;

WHEREAS, it appears in the best public interest for the safety of our citizens, emergency responders, and property that the Polson City Commission take the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City of Polson adopts the following ordinance:

Section 9.18.051 (Temporary).

The explosion or use of all fireworks within the territorial limits of the City of Polson is banned for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date hereof. City of Polson Ordinance 664 is amended for such period in accordance with these provisions. Violations of this Emergency Ordinance shall be cited and punished in accordance with Section 9.18.050 of Ordinance 664.

The public display of permitted fireworks over the Flathead River on the Fourth of July, 2015 is specifically permitted as an exception to this Emergency Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in so far as the same may precede or conflict with the above ordinance are hereby repealed and/or deleted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is enacted as an emergency measure. This emergency ordinance shall expire in accordance with its terms, herein, without further action of the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the City Clerk is hereby instructed to codify this Ordinance in the Book of Ordinances and the City Attorney shall index the same in his discretion.

Emergency Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Heather Knutson, Mayor

Attest:

Cora Pritt, Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

M. Richard Gebhardt, City Attorney