

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16.

An ordinance providing for the registration of voters within the City of Polson.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Polson.

Section 1.- Hereafter no person shall vote at any annual or special election held in the City of Polson, unless he or she shall have been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 2.- There shall be appointed for the City of Polson a board of registration, consisting of four qualified electors of said City, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party. The board of registration shall be appointed by the Mayor by and with the advice and consent of the Council, at the first meeting in May of each year, and they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed and qualified. Provided however that the registration board for to act until May of 1911 shall be appointed forthwith. Vacancies in said board shall be filled as soon as they are known to exist.

*Amended by Ord. 18*

Section 3.- For official misconduct, or other good cause, the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, may remove any person appointed to said board. The members of said board shall each take and subscribe an oath of office, as required by law and for the faithful performance of their duty, before some officer authorized to administer oaths, before entering upon their duties as such board of registration, and file the same with the City Clerk. The City Council may divide the city into two registration districts and assign two members of the said registration board thereto who therein shall have the same power and authority as the board acting together. The division of the city into two registration districts is however optional with the City Council.

*Amended by Ord. 18*

Section 4.- Ten days before the day hereinafter prescribed for the meeting of the board of registration for the purpose of registering the voters for any election, the City Clerk shall post in each ward not less than five copies of the following notice of the time when such board shall meet to register voters:-

Notice of Registration.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Registration for the City of Polson will meet at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_\_, at 9 o'clock A.M. of said day and will continue in session for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days thereafter from the said \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19\_\_\_\_\_, exclusive of Sundays, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 10 o'clock P.M. of each day, for the registration of persons who are qualified to vote at the ensuing \_\_\_\_\_ election to be held in and for the City of Polson. Persons who are of lawful age and citizens of the United States and have resided in the State of Montana one year, and in the City of Polson six months, are qualified electors and entitled to register, except where the question submitted is to be voted upon by the taxpayers, when only taxpayers may register and vote. Female taxpayers having the other necessary qualifications may register and vote. Only the persons who are registered can vote at the coming election.

This is an election where \_\_\_\_\_ may vote.

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City Clerk of City of Polson.

Section 5.- The Board of Registration shall meet on the day notified by the City Clerk, which shall be twenty days prior to the day of any general or special election, and ten days prior to any election by the taxpayers of the city. For any general or special election the board shall open a book for city, or a series of books, one for each ward, to be designated as the "Great Register of the City of Polson". They shall keep the said Great Register open for the registration of voters for a period of ten days from the day of opening, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to any general or special election, and for a period of five days from the day of opening, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to any election by the taxpayers of the city, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 10 o'clock P.M. of each day. They shall also post at least five copies of following notice in each ward of the city:

Notice of Registration.

The Board of Registration of the City of Polson gives notice that the Great Register of the City is now open at \_\_\_\_\_ for the registration of the voters of said

city qualified to vote at the ensuing \_\_\_\_\_ election to be held in and for said city on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and will remain open from 9 o'clock A.M. to 10 o'clock P.M. of each day from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, for the correction of the list of voters, and for the registration of voters who may furnish good cause for inability to register on the previous days.

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Board of Registration of the  
 City of Polson.

Section 6.- In the Great Register the Board of Registration shall enter the names of the qualified voters, and such entry must show:-

- First. The registration number.
- Second. The full name of the voter.
- Third. The state and country of nativity.
- Fourth. If naturalized, the time and place thereof.
- Fifth. The residence, giving the street and number.
- Sixth. Length of time in the ward, city and state.
- Seventh. Age.
- Eighth. Date of registration.
- Ninth. Remarks.

Section 7.- No person's name shall be entered by the Board of Registration except:-

First. Upon personal application of the voter at the office of the Board of Registration, in the presence of the members of said board, and the affidavit of the party that he is a legal voter of the state, city and ward.

Second. If a naturalized citizen, upon production of his certificate of naturalization or a certified copy thereof, which must be endorsed in ink by one of the board in his name and the year and day when produced; but if it satisfactorily appears to the board by the affidavit of the applicant that his certificate of naturalization or a certified copy thereof is lost or destroyed or beyond the reach of the applicant

for the time being, said board must register the name of said applicant, unless he is by law disqualified, but in such case the board must propound to him the following questions, to be embodied in an affidavit to be signed by him, to be added to the oath prescribed in the fourth subdivision of this section:

1.- In what year did you come to the United States?

2.- In what state or territory, county, court and year were you finally admitted to citizenship?

3.- Where did you last see your certificate of naturalization or a certified copy thereof?

The said affidavit must be retained by the board and returned with the Great Register after the election to the City Clerk. No person shall be required to exhibit his naturalization or make said affidavit a second time, when he has been continuous resident of the city, and where his name is upon the Great Register in the possession of the board.

Third. Upon the production and filing of a certified copy of an order or judgment of the district court directing such entry to be made.

Fourth. In every case the affidavit of the party applying for registration must show all the facts required to be stated in the entry on the Great Register, except the date and number of the entry, and for the purpose of determining whether the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, either member of the board is authorized and empowered to administer to said applicant the following oath:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years (or will be prior to the next election), that I have actually and not constructively been a bona fide resident of the State of Montana one year, and of the City of Polson six months, and in the ward for thirty days, next preceeding the day of the next ensuing election; so help me God (or under the pains and penalty of perjury); Provided that when any person applies to be registered, who swears that he will be entitled to become a full citizen of the United States before the day of election,

and is otherwise qualified to be registered, he shall be registered, in which case the board will enter in the column for remarks, "Final naturalization papers to be produced," and such person shall not be entitled to vote unless he exhibits to the judges of election his final naturalization papers.

Section 8.- There shall be left opposite each name in the Great Register a blank for cancellation, and cancellation shall be made in writing in such blank the word "Cancelled," and a statement of the reasons therefor.

Section 9.- The Board of Registration shall cancel the entry in the following cases:-

- First. At request of the party registered.
- Second. When they know of the death or the removal from the city of the party registered.
- Third. When the insanity of the party registered is legally established.
- Fourth. Upon a production of a certified copy of a judgment of felony in full force against the person registered, or such other legal proof that the person registered has lost his right of citizenship.
- Fifth. Upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made.

Section 10/- The Board of Registration shall cause to be printed lists of registered voters in each ward to be distributed as follows:-

- First. At least five of said lists shall be posted in five public places in each ward five days previous to any general or special election, and three days prior to any election by the taxpayers of the City.
- Second. One of said lists shall be certified to and filed with the City Clerk.
- Third. One of said lists shall be delivered to each officer of the city.
- Fourth. Until exhausted one of said lists shall be delivered to every qualified voter applying for the same.

Section 11.- The Board of Registration is authorized and empowered to make any corrections in the entries in the Great Greister upon personal application being made to them at any time by the person whose name is entered, and must make such correction on the day set apart for such corrections.

Section 12.- The Board of Registration must make a copy of the Great Register of the voters of each ward in the city in books to be furnished for that purpose, alphabetically arranged (the surname first), entering opposite each name the number it bears on the Great Register, together with the words requiring challenges and all other entries therein opposite the name. The Board must also furnish suitable books to be known as "Check Lists", one for each ward, containing a list of the names of all electors found on the Great Register for such ward, alphabetically arranged (the surname first), with the number each name bears in the Great Register placed at the left of the name and with a blank column at the right for the use of the judges of election, headed with the words "Voted at \_\_\_\_\_ Election \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_."

Section 13.- The Board of Registration shall certify to the copy of the Great Register and Check Lists for each ward and deliver the same to the judges of election in each ward the morning of the election prior to the opening of the polls.

Section 14.- Any registered voter may appear before the Board of Registration and challenge the right of the applicant to register. If the Board of Registration enter the name of a person so challenged upon the Great Register, they shall write opposite said name, "To be challenged."

Section 15.- Before the opening of the polls the Board of Registration shall post in each ward in some place of easy access for examination not less than four printed copies of the list of voters of each ward, alphabetically arranged, of the final registration of said ward, and the copies so posted must be maintained during the time of voting, and must not in any manner be torn or defaced. Any person who shall tear or deface any of such posted printed lists before the close of the polls of the election shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars.

Section 16.- The Board of Registration shall remain in session during the time the polls are open on election day and

shall issue certificates of registration correcting any error that may appear in the Great Register as to the proper ward of a voter, and to issue to any person making personal application on the day of election a certificate of registration, which certificate shall entitle such person to vote upon his presenting said certificate to the judges of election in the proper ward. Provided that before any such certificate shall be issued to any person, such person shall take and subscribe an affidavit that he makes such application from his inability to register on any of the days set apart for the registration of voters (stating the cause), and the affidavit of two reputable freeholders and householders who are known to the board and are electors, that they know the applicant to be a bona fide resident and qualified voter of the City of Polson and that he was unable to register at any time during which the Great Register was open.

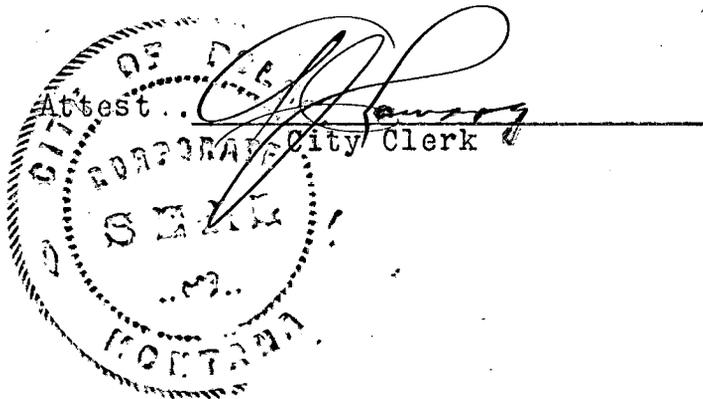
Section 17.- The members of the Board of Registration shall be entitled to receive such compensation as the Council may from time to time or by ordinance determine. Said Board of Registration shall, after it has performed its duties for each election turn over to the City Clerk all the books and papers under their control, to be kept by him until such board may be required to register for another election, when they shall be turned over to such board.

Section 18.- Any person who shall fraudulently cause or procure his name or the name of any other person to be registered, knowing that he or the person whose name he has caused or procured to be registered is not entitled to vote in the city or in the ward wherein such registry is applied for or made, or to be registered in more than one ward, or who shall falselypersonalte any registered voter, or violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, for each and every such offence may be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 19.- Whereas, an emergency exists and it is immediately necessary for the preservation, peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Polson, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval according to law.

Passed and approved this the 3rd day of February, 1911.

J. L. McMichael,  
Mayor



RESOLUTION. No 2

Whereas the City Council of the City of Polson on the 16th day of January, 1911, duly and regularly passed and adopted a resolution declaring it to be to the best interests of the City of Polson and of the Power Plant Tract, that the boundaries of the said City of Polson be extended so as to include within the corporate limits the said tract of land in the resolution described, and

Whereas the City Clerk caused to be published in the Lake Shore Sentinel and the Flathead Courier, the papers the nearest to the said tract of land, once a week for two successive weeks, a notice to the effect that, said resolution had been and regularly passed and adopted, and that for a period of twenty days from the first publication of said notice the City Clerk would receive expressions of approval or disapproval in writing of the proposed extension of the boundaries of said City, from the resident freeholders of the territory proposed to be embraced therein, and

Whereas more than twenty days have elapsed since the first publication of the said notice and this being the first regular meeting of the Council after the said expiration of the said twenty days, and

Whereas the City Clerk has lain before the City Council all communications that he has received relative to the said proposed extension of the boundaries, and the City Council after considering the same deem that the boundaries should be extended and that the said resolution should be passed:-