

ORDINANCE NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 581 AND CHAPTER 2.46.050 AND 2.26.010 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO STANDARDIZE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS:

WHEREAS, the City of Polson maintains both a Fire Department and a Police Department whose Chiefs are City employees; and,

WHEREAS, the existing Ordinances governing the residency requirements of the Fire Chief and Police Chief provide that each must live within a specified numeric mileage distance of Polson city hall; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Polson believes that the time of response to emergencies is a more appropriate standard for residency of the Chiefs of the two departments herein, rather than miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA

1. Ordinance 581 together with its counterpart Chapters in the Municipal Codes, are by this Ordinance modified and amended to include the following:

“During his term of appointment as Fire Chief the chief shall reside within such radius of Polson city limits as shall enable him or her to reach City limits within twenty minutes of notification of a need for response at the nominally posted speed limits en route.”

2. Ordinance 581, together with its counterpart Chapter in the Municipal Code, is by this Ordinance modified and amended to read as follows:

“No person otherwise qualified to be a police officer shall be employed as such by the city unless he or she shall reside within such radius of Polson city limits that the officer shall be able to reach City limits within twenty minutes of notification of a need for reporting at the nominally posted speed limits. Polson police officers are by this section duly authorized to take assigned vehicles to their private residences in accordance with other rules and regulations as promulgated from time to time by the Police Department.”

3. Any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

FIRST READING: April 18, 2005.

SECOND READING: May 2, 2005.

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the subject Ordinance shall become effective on June 2, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of May, 2005.

CITY OF POLSON

Randy Ingram, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aggi Loeser, City Clerk