

**ORDINANCE NO. 652**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.48.010 OF THE POLSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGE OF APPOINTED FIREFIGHTERS SHALL BE BETWEEN EIGHTEEN AND FIFTY-FIVE.**

Whereas, the City of Polson Municipal Code provides that volunteer firefighters in the City fire department are eligible for appointment between the ages of 21 and 55 years of age; and,

Whereas, the Chief of the Fire Department has informed the Council that the Department has many highly desirable applicants between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one; and,

Whereas, the Council desires to provide the opportunity for persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one the opportunity to serve as volunteer firefighters in the City fire department.

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

**1.** Chapter 12.06.020 is wholly amended as follows:

“There is hereby created and established a fire department in and for the city which shall consist of such paid and volunteer firefighters as the city commission finds necessary to provide adequate fire protection, but in no case less than 15 volunteer individuals between the ages of eighteen years and fifty-five years inclusive and possessed of such qualifications as the fire chief and his officers deem sufficient. A record of a physical examination certifying appropriate physical condition concurrent with the duties required must be filed with the city clerk at the time of acceptance as a member of the department.

The members shall establish their own organization, prescribe their own rules and regulations, elect their own officers with the exception of the chief of the fire department, who shall be appointed as provided in this code, impose and collect their own dues and fines, if there be any, and keep and control their own funds. All members of the fire department shall have police powers while on duty.”

**REPEALING CLAUSE:** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**FIRST READING:** October 19, 2009.      **SECOND READING:** November 2, 2009.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the foregoing Ordinance shall become effective on December 2, 2009.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS second day of November, 2009.**

CITY OF POLSON

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Lou Marchello, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aggi Loeser, City Clerk