

CITY OF POLSON

ORDINANCE No. 2022-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA, ALLOWING FOR A CURFEW TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF POLSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS.

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated 7-32-2302 allows for county wide establishment of curfew hours after which minors will not be allowed abroad on the public streets, roadways, or lands of the county, but does not apply within the boundaries of an incorporated city;

WHEREAS, Lake County and several cities within Lake County have curfew ordinances relating to minors;

WHEREAS, the City of Polson desires to conform its policy with respect to curfew for minors to that of Lake County and other cities within Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Polson has determined that an ordinance stating a curfew for minors is of concern to the public health, safety, and welfare of the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS that the following sections of the City of Polson Municipal Code be amended to reflect an addition of the curfew for minors:

Chapter 9. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Article 10. – CURFEW FOR MINORS.

Sec. 9.10.010 – Curfew for minors; penalties.

- A. It shall be unlawful for minors under the age of 18 to be in or upon or to loiter upon or frequent the streets, alleys or city property within the city limits between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.
- B. A person convicted of violating a curfew ordinance shall be fined an amount not exceeding \$75.00 or by a sentence of up to 10 hours of community service, or both.

First reading and preliminary adoption on the 18th day of April, 2022

Vote:

6 ayes: Commissioners [names]:

0 nays:

1 absent:

Second reading on the 2nd day of May, 2022.

 6 ayes: Commissioners [names]:

 0 nays:

 1 absent:

Dated: 2nd day of May, 2022. **Effective:** 1st day of June, 2022.

Attest:

Approved:

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk

Eric Huffine, Mayor