

CITY OF POLSON
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POLSON,
MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO
DO SO.**

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires an election in each local government to determine whether a local government will undertake a review procedure once every ten years after the first election;

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 7-3-173 (2) requires that the governing body shall call for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission within 1 year after the 10-year period;

WHEREAS, a resolution must be passed and submitted to the County Elections Administrator by a date determined by the Secretary of State's office and the question will subsequently appear on the ballot at the primary election. The ballot language is mandated by 7-3-175, MCA and includes both the number of members to be elected to the study commission and the dollar amount or number of mills that will be permissively levied to fund the activities of the study commission;

WHEREAS, the purpose of a study commission is to "study the existing form and powers of a local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state"; FURTHER, A study commission examining the government of a municipality may recommend amendments to the existing plan of government, recommend any plan of government authorized by Title 7, Chapter 3, parts 1 through 6, draft a charter (or recommendations on amendments to the charter), recommend municipal-county consolidation, recommend disincorporation; or submit no recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is the governing body of the City of Polson.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City Commission of the City of Polson hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local governmental review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024;
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of five (5) members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024;
3. Pursuant to MCA 7-3-175, the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

[] FOR the review of the government of the City of Polson and the establishment and funding, not to exceed two (2) Mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of the City of Polson and submit recommendations on the government.

[] AGAINST the review of the government of the City of Polson and the establishment and funding, not to exceed two (2) Mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of the City of Polson and submit recommendations on the government.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December 2023.

THE CITY OF POLSON

BY:

Eric Huffine, Mayor

Attest:

Ed Meece, City Manager

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk

STATE OF MONTANA)
 :SS
County of Lake)

On this ____ day of _____, 2023, before me the undersigned Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared **Eric Huffine**, known to me to be the Mayor of the City of Polson and known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public for the State of Montana

Printed Name of Notary
Residing at Polson, Montana
My commission expires: ___/___/___