

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFENSE OF MAINTAINING A DISORDERLY HOUSE

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin (hereinafter "City") desires to modify the Hardin City Code to regulate houses which regularly disturb the peace by certain activities.

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-32-4302 (2023) authorizes the Council to enact ordinances to regulate certain actions including "fights, riots, loud noises, disorderly conduct, obscenity, and acts or conduct calculated to disturb the public peace or which are offensive to public morals.";

WHEREAS, the Council finds that there are houses in the City Limits of Hardin at which such disorderly conduct regularly exists that the owner, responsible party, manager, occupant or tenant should be punished for allowing such conduct.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, Title 6, Chapter 1 is amended by the insertion of a new Section 17 (underlined language), as follows:

6-1-17: MAINTAINING A DISORDERLY HOUSE:

A person who keeps and maintains, either by himself or others, a common, ill-governed, and disorderly house, to the encouragement of gaming, drinking, or other misbehavior, or to the common disturbance of the neighborhood or orderly citizens, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and imprisonment of up to six (6) months in the County Jail.

DATE OF EFFECT.

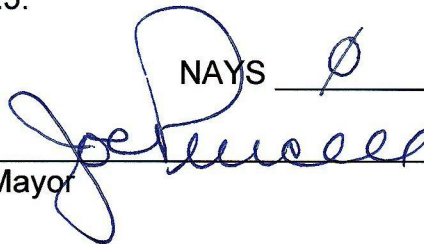
The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 1st day of July, 2025.

YEAS 4

NAYS 0

Mayor



ATTEST:

Andrew Lehu
City Clerk

POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 3rd day of July, 2025.

Andrew Lehu
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this _____ day of _____, 2025.

YEAS _____

NAYS _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk