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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Hardin is searching  
for a City of Hardin Resident  
who would be interested in  
serving a 3-year term,  
expiring May 2027,  
on the Police Commission.

Submit a Letter of Interest by  
April 18, 2024 to  
Mayor Joe Purcell  
406 N. Cheyenne Ave.  
Hardin, MT 59034

For a list of requirements please  
contact City Hall at 406-665-9292  
or visit the City website at  
[www.hardinmt.com/Notices.html](http://www.hardinmt.com/Notices.html)

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April 1, 2024

To Hardin City Residents

The City of Hardin has established a City Police Department. The City is required to maintain a three-person Police Commission. The Police Commission will have a vacancy on May 7, 2024. The Purpose and Role of the Commission is defined below in Montana Code Annotated 7-32-4152, 7-32-4154, 7-32-4155 and is listed below.

*7-32-4152. Term and compensation of members of police commission. (1) The appointees to the police commission shall hold office for 3 years, and one member must be appointed annually at the first regular meeting of the city council or commission in May of each year. However, a member serving on the commission during the hearing or deciding of an appeal under 7-32-4155 shall continue to serve on the commission for that appeal until a decision has been made; a new member may not sit on the commission for business.*

*(2) The compensation of the members of a board must be fixed by the city council or commission, not to exceed \$10 per day or more than \$50 per month for any month for each member in cities of the first and second class.*

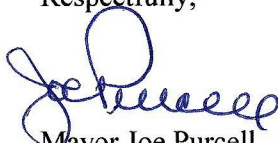
*7-32-4154. Role of police commission in examination of applicants for police force. It shall be the duty of the police commission to examine all applicants whose applications have been referred to the commission as to their age, legal, mental, moral, and physical qualifications and their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force. It shall also be the duty of the police commission, subject to the approval of the mayor, to make such rules regarding such examinations not inconsistent with this part or the laws of the state.*

*7-32-4155. Role of police commission in hearing and deciding appeals brought by police officers. (1) The police commission shall hear and decide appeals brought by any member or officer of the police department who has been disciplined, suspended, removed, or discharged by an order of the mayor, city manager, or chief executive.*

*(2) The police commission shall, at the time set for hearing an appeal of a police officer, hear and determine the appeal according to the rules of evidence applicable to courts of record in the state.*

I am searching for a **City of Hardin Resident** who would be interested in serving a 3-year term, expiring May 2027, on the Police Commission. Please submit a letter of interest to the Mayor's Office on or before **April 18, 2024**. In your letter please highlight your goal for serving, experience with employee management, experience in law or law enforcement or any experience that you feel would benefit the Commission. All selected Commissioners must be at least 18 years of age, be a US citizen, hold a high school diploma or GED and not have had any felony convictions.

Respectfully,



Mayor Joe Purcell  
City of Hardin