

**BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3 OF ORDINANCE 2014-07 REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bull Shoals desires to modify the residency requirements for its police officers to enhance recruitment and retention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that expanding the allowed residency area will benefit the Police Department and the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1:** Section 1 of Ordinance 2014-07 is hereby amended to read as follows:

All police officers employed by the City of Bull Shoals shall establish and maintain residency within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the city limits of Bull Shoals, Arkansas.

**SECTION 2:** Section 2 of Ordinance 2014-07 is hereby amended to read as follows:

New full-time hires shall be required to live within these boundaries within sixty (60) days of their date of hire."

All other provisions of Section 2 not specifically amended herein are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** Section 3 of Ordinance 2014-07 is hereby repealed.


**SECTION 4:** Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

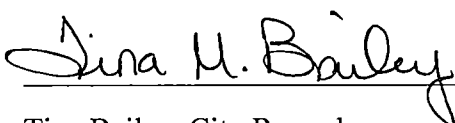
**SECTION 5: EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

The City of Bull Shoals recognizes that enacting this ordinance is crucial for safeguarding public health, safety, welfare, and property, as it ensures our police department's compliance with City regulations. Consequently, an emergency is declared, and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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Carol Duss, Bull Shoals Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tina Bailey, City Recorder

