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ORDINANCE 54-08

ESTABLISHING COUNTY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SHERIFF DEPUTIES

WHEREAS, availability of law enforcement personnel for immediate response to emergency situations is essential in maintaining a safe community; and

WHEREAS, daily staffing of Sheriff's Deputies is not sufficient to safely respond to most high risk situations and/or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the department currently and historically has relied upon a call-out process for an organized response to critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, Deputies that specialize in functions such as K-9 handler, Crash Reconstruction, Death Investigation, Water Rescue, Assaultive/Barricaded Subjects etc are expected to respond to situations even when off-duty; and

WHEREAS, all sworn Deputies are assigned a take-home vehicle for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, timely response to emergency situations require that a Deputy reside in the same geographical area that the Deputy is sworn to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of Polk County does ordain as follows:

Establish a requirement that Sheriff's Deputies reside within the geographical boundaries of Polk County.

That newly employed Deputy Sheriffs establish residency in Polk County within one year of date of hire.

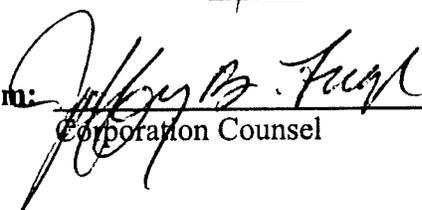
~~That the Sheriff be authorized to temporarily extend this time frame in extraordinary cases.~~

That all previous residency requirements for non-sworn employees be hereby rescinded.

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Approved as to form:  _____
Corporation Counsel

Date Submitted to County Board _____

