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Dear Mr. Gregory:

Attorney General Daniel R. McLeod has asked me to reply to your letter of July 13, 1976, concerning the legal age at which a person may be employed as a city policeman.

As far as I am aware, there is no statutory prohibition against hiring a person eighteen (18) years of age as a police officer. Of course, it must be borne in mind that most police forces are subject to the provisions of Section 53-41, et seq. 1962 Code of Laws, as amended, which relates to the training program for law enforcement officers. At Section 53-45 subsection b subsection 7, supra, there is a requirement that a candidate for the Criminal Justice Academy submit with his application proof that he is twenty one (21) years old or older. Of course, this may not apply to the Town of Jefferson if it comes within the exemptions contained in Section 53-47, supra. This Section exempts municipalities having a population of less than 2,500 persons or which does not have at least five full-time police officers.

You may wish to look at these Sections to ascertain if they do apply to the Town of Jefferson. I hope this will be of aid to you in your research, and I am

Very truly yours,

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