

## MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting  
October 25, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall  
806 W Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272

### AGENDA

Call To Order

Roll Call

Pledge Of Allegiance

1. Councilmember Scarboro

Announcements And Presentations

1. Presentation: Snohomish County Executive Somers -- CANCELLED

Comments From Citizens

[This time is set aside for members of the audience to speak to the City Council on any issue related to the City of Monroe; except any quasi-judicial matter subject to a public hearing. **Please sign in prior to the meeting; testimony is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.**]

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes; October 18, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

Documents:

[20161025 CA1 MCC Minutes 20161018.pdf](#)

2. AB16-142: Accept Project/Begin Lien Period - Rivmont Watermain Replacement Project

Documents:

[AB16-142\\_AcceptRivmont.pdf](#)

3. AB16-143: Ordinance No. 018/2016, Converting Two Year At-Large Council Position to Four Year Position; Final Reading

Documents:

[AB16-143\\_ORD 018 2016\\_AtLargeCouncilPosition.pdf](#)

New Business

1. AB16-144: Discussion: MMC 2.26, Term Limits

Documents:

[AB16-144\\_Discussion\\_Term Limits.pdf](#)

## Final Action

1. AB16-141: Ordinance No. 017/2016, Setting 2017 Property Tax Levy;  
Final Reading

Documents:

[AB16-141\\_ORD 017 2016\\_Setting 2017 PPTy Tax.pdf](#)

## Councilmember Reports

### Staff/ Department Reports

1. Staff Report on Land Sales Update

### Mayor/ Administrative Reports

1. Monroe This Week (October 21, 2016, Edition No. 40)

Documents:

[20161025 MR1 Monroe This Week Edition 40.pdf](#)

2. Draft Agenda for November 1, 2016, Regular Business Meeting
3. Cancellation of November 22, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

## Executive Session

*If needed.*

## Adjournment

Majority vote to extend past 10:00 p.m.

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY ADD AND TAKE ACTION ON OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS  
AGENDA

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360-794-7400. Please allow 48 hours advance notice.

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE**

The October 18, 2016, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:02 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble<sup>1</sup>, Kamp, Rasmussen<sup>2</sup>, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Ginnard, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, Roberts, Smoot; and Warthan; City Attorney Lell.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Hanford. No objections were noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. AB16-137: 2017 Budget; First Public Hearing

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information on AB16-137 and the required first public hearing for the 2017 Budget; and noted the second required public hearing on the 2017 Budget will be held November 15, 2016.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding the 2017 Budget: Ms. Erin Angus-Snapka.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to close the citizen testimony portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (4-0).

Councilmember Cudaback moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote,

Motion carried (4-0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Proclamation: Red Ribbon Week (October 24, through 31, 2016)

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record and encouraged all Monroe's residents and businesses to participate in drug prevention education activities; making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community, during Red Ribbon Week – October 24, through October 31, 2016. The proclamation was presented to Samantha Franklin, from the 'Love an Addict' organization.

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 8:14 p.m. during Mayor/Administrative Reports.

<sup>2</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Rasmussen arrived at approximately 7:23 p.m. during New Business #1.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

The following person spoke regarding the intersection of Highway 2 and State Route 522: Ms. Rosie Tatel.

The following person spoke regarding Heroin in Old Town/homelessness in Monroe: Ms. Erin Angus-Snapka.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes; October 11, 2016, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 87320 through 87356 and EFGT/ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,991,614.80*)

Councilmember Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (4-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. AB16-138: 2017 Budget – Presentation of Utility and CIP Funds

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, presented information on the 2017 Budget – Utilities, Capital Improvement Projects, and Special Revenue Funds; including expenses and revenues for the following Funds: Water, Water CIP, Sewer, Sewer CIP, Stormwater, Stormwater CIP, Revenue Bond Reserve, Special Revenue – Street Maintenance, CIP – Street Capital Projects, Agency – TBD Sales Tax Receipts, Streets, Streets CIP, General CIP, Parks CIP, North Kelsey Development, North Kelsey Debt Service, Donation, Tourism Lodging Tax, Narcotic/Drug Buy, and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Ms. Nelson also reviewed the budget process timeline.

General discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding: water main replacements, vegetative swale rehabilitation, Stanton Park ditching project, gas tax revenues, downtown sidewalk pressure washing, Chain Lake Road sidewalk extension, Blueberry Street/N Kelsey Street intersection improvements, parks and trails CIP, Fairfield Park entry re-alignment, Cadman Pit Master Plan, Lake Tye Park updates, North Kelsey Debt and Development Funds, and the REET Fund.

2. AB16-139: Ordinance No. 018/2016, Converting Two Year At-Large Council Position to Four Year Position; First Reading

City Administrator Gene Brazel provided background information on AB16-139 and the proposed ordinance converting the two year ‘At-Large’ council position to a four year position.

Councilmember Kamp moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 018/2016, re-designating and amending the term of office for the City Council’s at-large position from two years to four years in accordance with applicable state law; authorizing and directing appropriate administrative

implementation measures; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).<sup>3</sup>

3. AB16-140: Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 to Property Transfer Agreement with Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB16-140 and the proposed amendment to the Property Transfer Agreement with Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Property Transfer Agreement with Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

## **FINAL ACTION**

1. AB16-141: Ordinance No. 017/2016, Setting 2017 Property Tax Levy; Final Reading

Ms. Nelson provided background information on AB16-141 and the proposed ordinance setting the 2017 Property Tax Levy.

General discussion ensued regarding timeline for approval of a property tax levy, deferring to a future meeting where all Councilmembers are present. Mayor Thomas stated AB16-141 would be placed on the October 25, 2016, Regular Meeting Agenda for further consideration.

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

1. ~~City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Davis)-~~ **CANCELLED**
2. Individual Reports

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the Monroe Job Fair and Snohomish County Leadership Day.

## **STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Public Works Update

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<sup>3</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: The motion and vote on the requested action pertaining to AB16-139 took place directly following Final Action #1, due to technical difficulties with accessing the agenda packet/motion language.

No report was given at the time of the meeting.

### **MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Brazel reported on the following subjects: citizen inquiry regarding Council payment, Economic Alliance projects timeline, Snohomish Health District (SHD) Per Capita Funding Request, and meeting with Burlington Northern.

Councilmembers Cudaback and Rasmussen requested a discussion regarding the SHD Per Capita Funding Request be added to a future agenda. The item was tentatively scheduled for the November 1, 2016, Regular Business Meeting.

1. Monroe This Week (*October 14, 2016, Edition No. 39*)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of Monroe This Week, Edition No. 39, in the agenda packet, and reported on the following items: meeting with a representative from Congresswoman Del Bene's Office, chemical dependency/mental health/homelessness issues, 'tagging' and clean-up of bridge, social media posts, Tip-a-Cop event on October 22, 2016, at the Monroe Red Robin, Red Ribbon Week events, and Monroe Job Fair.

2. Draft Agenda for October 25, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the October 25, 2016, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (*added at the time of the meeting*)

1. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] – 5 minutes
2. Collective Bargaining [RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)] – 5 minutes

Mayor Thomas stated there was need for two executive sessions – Potential Litigation and Collective Bargaining; City Attorney Lell read the appropriate citations into the record [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)], and stated the session would last for approximately 10 minutes, in total.

*The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:28 p.m., was extended for an additional 55 minutes, and reconvened at 9:36 p.m.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Gamble and seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. On vote,  
Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:36 p.m.

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 25, 2016.*



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 16-142

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Acceptance of CIP Project/Begin Lien Period – Rivmont Watermain Replacement Project</i>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
10/25/2016	Public Works	Jim Gardner	Brad Feilberg	<b>Consent Agenda #2</b>

**Discussion:** 01/19/2016; 05/03/2016; 06/07/2016; 10/25/2016

**Attachments:** 1. None

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Move to accept the Rivmont Watermain Replacement Project from the contractor, Oceanside Construction, Inc. and begin the 45-Day Lien Period.

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Oceanside Construction, Inc. was the prime contractor responsible for the Rivmont Watermain Replacement Project. All work associated with this project has been completed.

### IMPACT – BUDGET

N/A

### TIME CONSTRAINTS

Per RCW 39.08, a project must be accepted by the governing body after completion of the project.



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 16-143

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Ordinance No. 018/2016, Converting Two Year At-Large Council Position to Four Year Position; Final Reading</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
10/25/2016	Administration	Gene Brazel	Gene Brazel	<b>Consent Agenda #3</b>

**Discussion:** 10/04/2016; 10/18/2016; 10/25/2016  
**First Reading** 10/18/2016

**Attachments:** 1. Proposed Ordinance No. 018/2016

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 018/2016, an ordinance of the City Of Monroe, Washington, re-designating and amending the term of office for the City Council’s at-large position from two years to four years in accordance with applicable state law; authorizing and directing appropriate administrative implementation measures; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective.

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2016, the Monroe City Council discussed revising the existing ordinance converting the two-year at-large council position to a four-year seat to come in alignment with Title 35A RCW.

As a bit of history, prior to becoming a Code city, the City of Monroe was classified for most of its history as a third class city. At that time, Washington law allowed a third class city to designate one of its City Council positions as an “at large” position with a two-year term, with the other Council Members having standard four-year terms. On October 23, 1985, Monroe passed an ordinance adopting the classification of a noncharter Code city while: “(a) retaining the Mayor and Council plan of government under which the City of Monroe is currently operating; and (b) retaining the same general plan of government under which the City of Monroe is currently organized but governed according to Ch. 35A.12 RCW (Mayor-Council).” Although Chapter 35A.12 RCW requires all Council seats to have four-year terms, Monroe did not alter the two-year term of the at-large position when it adopted Code city status in 1985.

Title 35A RCW contemplates that council seats will be staggered, with a majority of council members plus the mayor elected every four years. Because of this, it is recommended that the transition to a four-year seat occur in the same year as the Mayor’s election.

To come into alignment with this RCW, existing term limits for City elected officials will be reviewed for any potential conflicts. Term limits for the City’s elected officials were imposed by Ordinance No. 001/2012 and are now codified at Chapter 2.26 MMC. Pursuant to MMC 2.26.020, City Council Members are generally prohibited from serving on the Council for more than eight total years.

First reading of this ordinance was accepted on October 18, 2016; there have been no changes made to the ordinance since that time.

### IMPACT – BUDGET

None.

### TIME CONSTRAINTS

None.

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. 018/2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, RE-DESIGNATING AND AMENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S AT-LARGE POSITION FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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WHEREAS, Chapter 35A.12 RCW provides that City Council Members in noncharter cities organized under the Optional Municipal Code shall serve for four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, as a vestige of Monroe's former classification as a third class city, one of the seven positions of the Monroe City Council has historically been designated as an at-large position with a two-year term of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure the City's future compliance with state law by re-designating the at-large position as Position No. 7 with a standard four-year term, and to implement this change in conjunction with the December 2017 expiration of the current term of office for said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Re-designation of Council At-Large Position. The Monroe City Council position commonly known as the "Council At-Large" position shall henceforth be designated as Monroe City Council Position No. 7. The term of Council Position No. 7 shall be four years in accordance with Chapter 35A.12 RCW.

Section 2. Notification to Snohomish County Auditor's Office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office—Elections and Voter Registration Division as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County Washington. The Snohomish County Auditor is hereby requested to amend all future election ballots to reflect the re-designation set forth in Section 1.

Section 3. Administrative Implementation. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all administrative actions reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement the re-designation set forth in Section 1 in advance of the May 15-19, 2017, candidate filing period for the August 1, 2017, primary election.

Section 4. Prospective Effect. The provisions of this ordinance shall have prospective effect only and shall not disqualify any local elected official from completing the term of office that he or she was elected to serve as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

First Reading: October 18, 2016  
Adoption: October 25, 2016  
Published: November 1, 2016  
Effective: November 6, 2016

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

(SEAL)

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 16-144

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Discussion: MMC 2.26, Term Limits</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
10/25/2016	Administration	Gene Brazel	Gene Brazel	<b>New Business #1</b>

**Discussion:** 10/04/2016; 10/25/2016

- Attachments:**
1. MMC 2.26
  2. Resolution No. 2011-018, Authorizing Advisory Vote
  3. Draft ordinance adding exception
  4. Draft ordinance amending term limits to 12 years
  5. 2017 Special Election Timeline (Snohomish County)
  6. Term Limits information (MRSC, Edgewood, Port Angeles)

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Discussion and direction regarding next steps.

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2016, the Monroe City Council discussed revising the existing ordinance converting the two-year at-large council position to a four-year seat to come in alignment with Title 35A RCW. On October 18, 2016, Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 018/2016 amending the term of office for the City Council's At-Large position from two years to four years.

As part of this transition, Council is reviewing the existing term limits for City elected officials for any potential conflicts and options to amend the Code as needed. Term limits for the City's elected officials were imposed by Ordinance No. 001/2012 and are now codified at Chapter 2.26 MMC. Pursuant to MMC 2.26.020, City Council Members are generally prohibited from serving on the Council for more than eight total years.

Should Council see a need to amend the Code, two options to consider have been provided including one similar to that in place at Snohomish County and Port Angeles allowing for no more than three consecutive four year terms (12 years) of service.

### TIME CONSTRAINTS

None

### IMPACT – BUDGET

None

## Chapter 2.26 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sections:

[2.26.010](#) Purpose.

[2.26.020](#) Term limits for city council members.

[2.26.030](#) Term limits for mayors.

### 2.26.010 Purpose.

The city council finds that the public interest is best served by encouraging and facilitating a wide range of Monroe residents to seek and hold local elected office. The city council further finds that this objective is most effectively advanced by limiting the allowed terms of office for council members and mayors. (Ord. 001/2012 § 1)

### 2.26.020 Term limits for city council members.

- A. No person shall serve on the city council for more than eight total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve on the city council for a total of nine years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served eight years on the city council shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) of this section shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve on the city council where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served on the city council. (Ord. 001/2012 § 1)

### 2.26.030 Term limits for mayors.

- A. No person shall serve as mayor for more than eight total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve as mayor for a total of nine years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served eight years as mayor shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor if the period of appointment is less than one year.

D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) of this section shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve as mayor where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served as mayor. (Ord. 001/2012 § 1)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2011/018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A NONBINDING ADVISORY BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TERM LIMITS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council is considering the adoption of term limits for the position of Mayor and Council Member; and

WHEREAS, the City Council sincerely values the opinion of its own citizens; and

WHEREAS, before adopting an ordinance imposing term limits, the City Council desires to call for an election submitting this issue to the voters of the City through a nonbinding advisory ballot; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Election Called For. The Monroe City Council hereby calls for submission of a nonbinding advisory ballot proposition to the qualified electors of the City asking whether the City should adopt an ordinance establishing term limits for the position of Mayor and Council Member. The ordinance under consideration by the City Council is set forth as Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. The Snohomish County Auditor—Elections Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County, is hereby requested to call the election in the City of Monroe on November 8, 2011.

Section 2. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not later than August 16, 2011, to certify a proposition to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office—Elections Division, as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County Washington, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF MONROE PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_  
 ADVISORY VOTE ON TERM LIMITS  
 FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Monroe City Council has passed Resolution No. 2011/018, placing the issue of term limits for local elected officials before the voters.

The City of Monroe is considering the adoption of an ordinance establishing term limits for the positions of Mayor and Council Member. The proposed ordinance would generally prohibit these officials from serving more than eight total years in the same office, but would allow limited exceptions for certain vacancy appointments and situations where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the end of the official's most recent term.

Should this ordinance be enacted into law?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

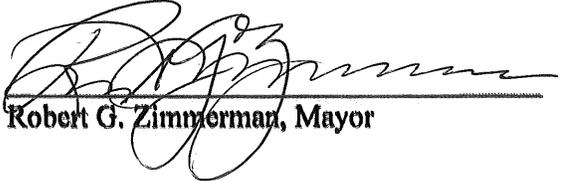
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3. Changes.** The City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Snohomish County Auditor's Office—Elections Division, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this resolution as approved by the City Council.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 19th day of July, 2011.

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

  
Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**ORDINANCE NO. XXX/2011**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE 2 MMC ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.26 TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS THERETO; ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS ON THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE POSITIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the policy and administrative functions of the Council and the office of the Mayor, respectively, are enhanced and improved by a diversity of perspectives and the continual installation of new officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish reasonable limitations on the terms of service for Council Members and Mayors in order to encourage and facilitate other Monroe residents to seek local elective office;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 5. Amendment of Title 2 MMC. Title 2 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 2.26 Term Limits for Elected Officials to provide in its entirety as follows:

**Chapter 2.26**

**TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sections:

- 2.26.010 Purpose.
- 2.26.020 Term limits for city council members.
- 2.26.030 Term limits for mayors.

**2.26.010 Purpose.**

It is the intent of this chapter to ensure that the city's local elected officials reflect a diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds within the Monroe community. The city council finds that the public interest is best served by encouraging and facilitating a wide range

of Monroe residents to seek and hold local elected office. The city council further finds that this objective is most effectively advanced by limiting the allowed terms of office for council members and mayors.

**2.26.020 Term limits for city council members.**

- A. No person shall serve on the city council for more than eight total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve on the city council for a total of nine years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served eight years on the city council shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve on the city council where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served on the city council.

**2.26.020 Term limits for mayors.**

- A. No person shall serve as mayor for more than eight total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve as mayor for a total of nine years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served eight years as mayor shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve as mayor where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served as mayor.

Section 6. Prospective Effect. The provisions of this ordinance shall have prospective effect only and shall not disqualify any local elected official from completing the term of office that he or she was elected to serve as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of  
Monroe, at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Published:  
Effective:

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

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Robert Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. XXX/2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.26 MMC TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; MODIFYING AND CLARIFYING LIMITATIONS ON THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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WHEREAS, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 001/2012, the substance of which is now codified at Chapter 2.26 MMC, the City Council established certain limitations on the terms of service for Council Members and Mayors in order to encourage and facilitate other Monroe residents to seek local elective office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 2.26 MMC in order to modify and clarify the applicability of the City's term limitations with respect to persons who have been elected or appointed to the City's historical two-year, at-large Council position.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 2.26.020. Section 2.26.020 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

**2.26.20 Term limits for city council members.**

- A. No person shall serve on the city council for more than eight total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve on the city council for a total of [~~NINE~~] \_\_\_\_\_ years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council **and/or was elected to a city council position having a two-year term,** and the **combined** period of **such** appointment **and/or elected service in a two-year city council position** was less than [~~ONE~~] \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- C. A person who has previously served eight years on the city council shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve on the city council where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served on the city council.

Section 2. Prospective Effect. The provisions of this ordinance shall have prospective effect only and shall not disqualify any local elected official from completing the term of office that he or she was elected to serve as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

First Reading:  
Final Reading:  
Published:  
Effective:

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

(SEAL)

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. XXX/2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.26 MMC TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; MODIFYING AND CLARIFYING LIMITATIONS ON THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE POSITIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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WHEREAS, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 001/2012, the substance of which is now codified at Chapter 2.26 MMC, the City Council established certain limitations on the terms of service for Council Members and Mayors in order to encourage and facilitate other Monroe residents to seek local elective office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 2.26 MMC in order to increase the permissible total terms of service for Council Members and Mayors from eight to 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the amendments set forth in this ordinance will preserve the general framework and intent of the City's term limits while expanding the pool of potential candidates for local elected public office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 2.26.020. Section 2.26.020 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

**2.26.020 Term limits for city council members.**

- A. No person shall serve on the city council for more than [~~EIGHT~~] **twelve** total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve on the city council for a total of [~~NINE~~] **thirteen** years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served [~~EIGHT~~] **twelve** years on the city council shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve on the city council where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served on the city council.

Section 2. Amendment of MMC 2.26.030. Section 2.26.030 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

**2.26.030 Term limits for mayors.**

- A. No person shall serve as mayor for more than [~~EIGHT~~] **twelve** total years except as provided in this section.
- B. A person may serve as mayor for a total of [~~NINE~~] **thirteen** years if the person was previously appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor and the period of appointment was less than one year.
- C. A person who has previously served [~~EIGHT~~] **twelve** years as mayor shall be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of the mayor if the period of appointment is less than one year.
- D. The limitations set forth in subsections (A) through (C) shall not prevent a person from being elected or appointed to serve as mayor where eight consecutive years have lapsed since the date the person last served as mayor.

Section 3. Prospective Effect. The provisions of this ordinance shall have prospective effect only and shall not disqualify any local elected official from completing the term of office that he or she was elected to serve as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

First Reading:  
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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

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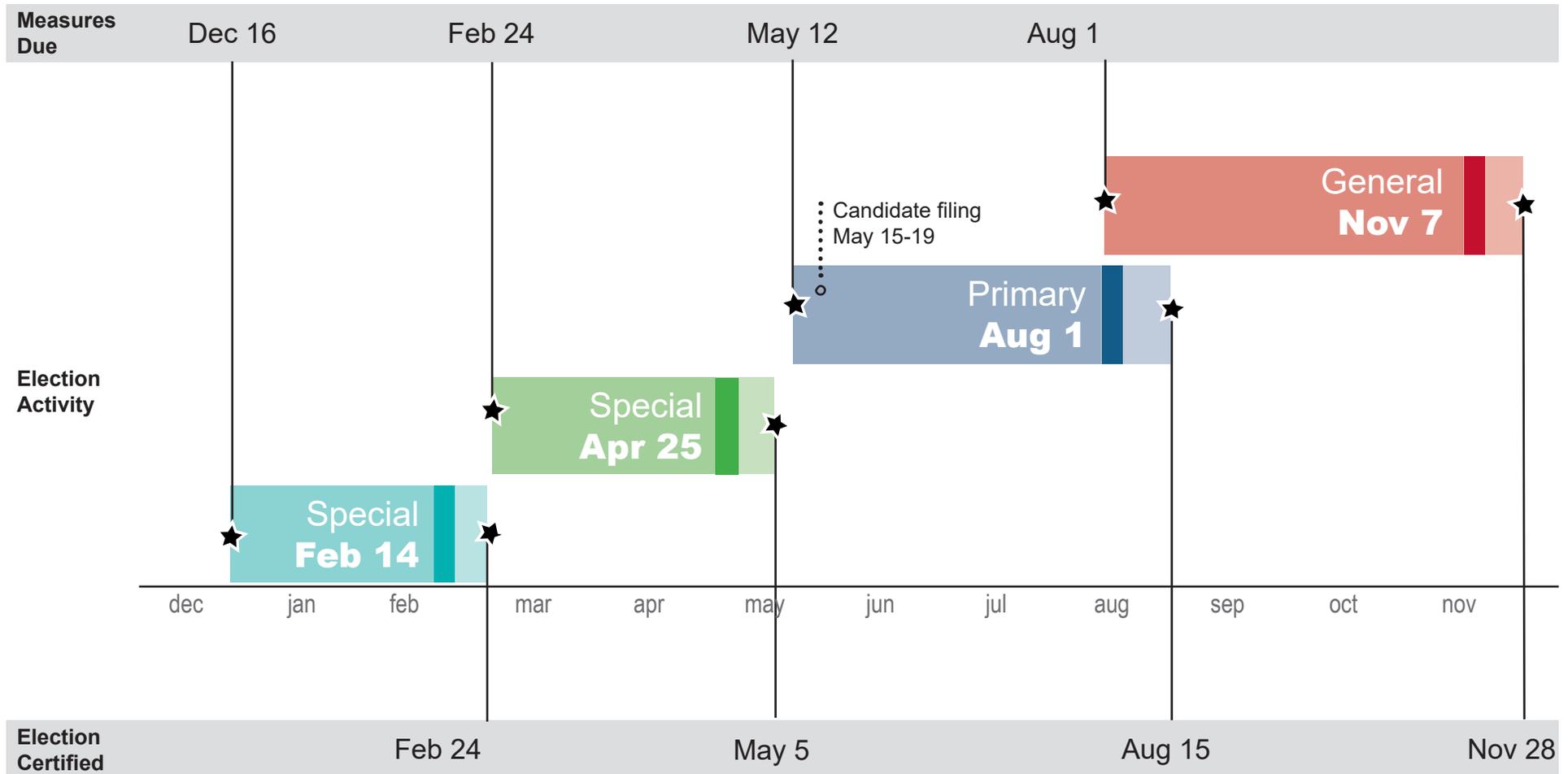
ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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# 2017 Elections Timeline



Measures for special elections are due 60 days before election day.  
 Measures for the primaries are due by the Friday before candidate filing.  
 Measures for general elections are due by the date of the primary.

Ballots are mailed 19 days before election day.  
 Military and overseas ballots are mailed 30 days before special election days  
 and 45 days before primary and general election days.

Special elections are certified 10 days after election day.  
 Primaries are certified 14 days after election day.  
 General elections are certified 21 days after election day.



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## INFORMATION ON TERM LIMITS FROM MRSC

**May code cities adopt term limits for councilmembers?** Yes. This office follows the opinion of the attorney general as expressed in [AGO 1991 No. 22](#), which addressed the imposition of term limits on local government elected officials. That opinion differentiated in its conclusion between two types of local governments - one with broad home rule authority, consisting of charter cities and counties and noncharter code cities, that have authority to impose term limits, and the other consisting of second class cities, towns, and noncharter counties, that do not possess that authority. The cities of Edgewood, Port Angeles, Spokane, and Tacoma each have established term limits for elected officials. Kent and Milton adopted term limits but later repealed them.

### EXAMPLE TERM LIMITS CODE/CHARTER LANGUAGE

**1. EDGEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE -- 2.10.010      LIMITING COUNCILMEMBERS TO SERVING TWO CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS.**

No person shall be allowed to serve on the city council for more than two consecutive four-year terms; provided, that this prohibition shall not disqualify any person now serving on the city council from completing the term of office that he or she has been elected to serve as of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter.

**2. PORT ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE -- 2.02.010 - TERM LIMITS.**

No person shall be allowed to serve on the City Council for more than three consecutive four-year terms.

**3. SNOHOMISH COUNTY CHARTER – ARTICLE 4 – ELECTIONS -- SECTION 4.30 QUALIFICATIONS — LIMITATIONS**

Each county official holding an elective office shall be, at the time of appointment or election and at all times while holding office, a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one, a county resident for the three years immediately prior to filing for or appointment to office, and a registered voter of the county. No person shall be eligible to be elected to more than three consecutive full terms for any office. For the purposes of this section, different positions on the county council shall not be considered different offices.



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 16-141

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Ordinance No. 017/2016, Setting 2017 Property Tax Levy; Final Reading</b>
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DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
10/18/2016 10/25/2016	Finance	Dianne Nelson	Dianne Nelson	<b>Final Action #1</b>

**Discussion:** 10/11/2016; 10/18/2016; 10/25/2016  
**Public Hearing** 10/04/2016  
**First Reading** 10/11/2016  
**Adoption** 10/18/2016 (*no action*); 10/25/2016

**Attachments:**

- Proposed Ordinance No. 017/2016
- Property Tax Example

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 017/2016, fixing the amount of taxes to be levied by the City for the calendar year 2017.

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The City Council sets the property tax levy annually to fund City operations of general government services.

Early in 2016, the Mayor opened a conversation with the City Council about positions, facilities, and services that could be added to meet increasing and changing City needs and about funding alternatives. Although Council did not take formal action at the time, there was consensus about funding for a few of the positions and for additional capital projects by using banked capacity.

For 2017, the Mayor directed Staff to develop a status quo preliminary budget. As with prior years, direction was to ensure that the status quo could be maintained with reasonable estimates of revenues for the next five years so that budget decisions in 2017 would not result in deficit spending after 2017. After developing this status quo budget, banked capacity from property tax in the amount of \$485,000 was applied to fund three FTE's (an accountant, a parks supervisor position, and a planning tech/code enforcement position) and to provide additional funding for capital projects, including transportation. When applying the proposed amount of banked capacity, the total amount of the property tax paid by the average home in 2017 will be lower than in 2016 due to other levies that are sun-setting at the end of 2016 and due to the increase in new construction assessed values. Further, additional banked capacity remains available should needs arise in the future.

First reading of this ordinance was accepted on October 11, 2016; and there have been no changes made since that time. On October 18, 2016, Council requested this item return to the October 25, 2016, Meeting for further discussion and potential action.

### IMPACT – BUDGET

2017 budgeted revenues from property tax: \$2,565,566.

### TIME CONSTRAINTS

Property Tax levy must be adopted and filed with the county before November 30, 2016, in order to collect ANY property tax revenue in 2017.

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. 017/2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,  
WASHINGTON, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE  
LEVIED BY THE CITY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Monroe, Washington, has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$2,047,723.73; and

WHEREAS, the population of this City is more than 10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Property Tax Levy. The regular property tax levy for the calendar year 2017 is hereby increased by \$484,312, which is a 23.685 percent increase from the previous year's levy. The levy amount is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2016.

First Reading: October 11, 2016  
Final Reading: October 25, 2016  
Published: November 1, 2016  
Effective: November 6, 2016

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

(SEAL)

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

## Property Tax Example for Council Discussion

2016 Average Residence Value in Monroe, per County Assessor's Office:           \$    245,400

Taxing District	2016 Tax Rate	2016 Tax	Changes for 2017	Estimated 2017 Tax
County Regular	0.89466314	\$ 219.55		\$ 219.55
County Conservation Futures	0.03831007	\$ 9.40		\$ 9.40
City of Monroe	1.15437999	\$ 283.28	\$ 61.00	\$ 344.28
Fire District 03 Expense	1.50000000	\$ 368.10		\$ 368.10
Fire District 03 EMS Permanent 2001-On	0.50000000	\$ 122.70		\$ 122.70
Fire District 03 M&O	0.29408987	\$ 72.17	\$ (72.17)	\$ (0.00)
Hospital District 1 Maintenance	0.31942384	\$ 78.39		\$ 78.39
Monroe Library Capital Facility Area GO Bond	0.22479497	\$ 55.16		\$ 55.16
Sno-Isle Intercounty rural Library	0.44249801	\$ 108.59		\$ 108.59
Monroe School District 103 bonds	1.36663495	\$ 335.37		\$ 335.37
Monroe School District 103 Capital Projects	0.25957965	\$ 63.70		\$ 63.70
Monroe School District 103 M&O	3.32416661	\$ 815.75		\$ 815.75
State School Fund	2.12371238	\$ 521.16		\$ 521.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.44225348</b>	<b>\$ 3,053.33</b>	<b>\$ (11.17)</b>	<b>\$ 3,042.16</b>



# MONROE THIS WEEK

October 21, 2016 Edition No. 40

**Mayor**

Geoffrey Thomas  
[gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

**Councilmembers**

Patsy Cudaback  
Kevin Hanford  
Ed Davis  
Jason Gamble  
Jim Kamp  
Jeff Rasmussen  
Kirk Scarboro  
[councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)

**City Hall**

806 West Main Street  
Monroe, WA 98272  
Phone: 360.794.7400  
Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

**Appointment Openings**

*Civil Service Commissioner*

**Job Openings**

Finance Director  
[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

**Events this Week**

- 10/21 Oktoberfest Bingo, Brats, & Beer, East County Senior Center, 5PM
- 10/22 D.M.A. Case for a Cause, Market Place, 114 N. Lewis St. 7-10PM, \$10.00
- 10/22 Seattle Spartan Beast & Sprint Weekend,
- 10/23 Meadow Wood Equestrian Center, 7:30AM
- 10/23 Heroin...We Need To Talk, Monroe Boys & Girls Club, 261 Sky River Parkway, 2-4PM
- 10/25 Monroe City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7PM
- 10/29 Coffee with the Mayor, Pilot House Coffee, 408/ W. Main St, 8-9:30AM
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sky Valley Classic, 100 BLK Main St, 10AM-1PM

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at [GThomas@MonroeWa.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Homelessness and Downtown

I've become aware of comments on social media about individuals sleeping on sidewalks in downtown. This is an issue that communities are facing across our region. The issue is one the City has been actively working on with our initial steps to curtail camping in City parks last year when the City and its partners were able to relocate a few dozen people out of a City park. At that time, many of the people we contacted accepted assistance to find housing.

Since then, I've been working with our Chief of Police and City Administrator to develop a better strategy to resolve these issues in Monroe - this includes the City contracting with an organization or agency to contact people who are homeless in our community to get them help. We're working to have this in place by the beginning of 2017. In the meantime, it is not lost on me that there are issues NOW - and they must be addressed with our existing resources.

To that end, I'm working with our Chief of Police to ensure that we are doing everything we can do now to address this issue. The Chief and I are following up with partners in the community, residents, businesses, and our City Council to develop more effective strategies to resolve the issue where existing city codes or resources fall short.

As part of this effort, our Police Department is able to trespass individuals on a business's private property without a phone call to 911 when the business submits a written request that we do

**City of Monroe  
Year-to-Date Comparisons**

*The following are year-to-date comparisons*

**Sales Tax Revenues**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$2,997,528

'16 to 9/30/16: \$3,304,016

**UP \$306,488 or 10.22%**

**Real Estate Excise Tax**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$492,811

'16 to 9/30/16: \$653,731

**UP \$160,920 or 32.65%**

**Lodging Tax Revenues**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$47,799

'16 to 9/30/16: \$56,852

**UP \$9,053 or 18.94%**

**Business License Fees**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$35,936

'16 to 9/30/16: \$35,174

**DOWN \$762 or -2.12%**

**Building Permit Revenues**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$225,697

'16 to 9/30/16: \$498,272

**UP \$272,575 or 120.77%**

**Planning Fee Revenues**

'15 to 9/30/15: \$56,990

'16 to 9/30/16: \$92,900

**UP \$35,910 or 63.01%**

**New House Permits**

'15 to 9/30/15: 41

'16 to 9/30/16: 93

**UP 52 units or 126.8%**

**Multi-Family Permits (# units)**

'15 to 9/30/15: 13

'16 to 9/30/16: 4

**DOWN 9 units or -69.2%**

**Building Division Inspections**

'15 to 9/30/15: 1,316

'16 to 9/30/16: 1,801

**UP 485 or 36.9%**

**(Homelessness continued)**

so. One such request is being circulated at the Ben Franklin/Safeway shopping area complex. I provided direction this morning that PD touch base with business owners in the Downtown this week to let them know this option is available.

I sincerely appreciate hearing from residents and business owners in Monroe. If you have concerns on any issue, please PM me on FB at "Mayor Geoffrey Thomas" or email me at [gthomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:gthomas@MonroeWA.gov). You may also reach me and Councilmembers at [Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@MonroeWA.gov). And, for emergencies or crimes in progress, please call 911; otherwise for non-emergencies please call 360.794.6300 or email [PDRecords@ci.monroe.wa.us](mailto:PDRecords@ci.monroe.wa.us).

We are actively engaged in this issue and thank you in advance for contacting the City about these and other concerns.

**Downtown Public Art Sculpture Update**

The pedestal for the art sculpture, "Wagner Swifts", is being installed at the northwest corner area of Main & Lewis Streets! This is the first step for artist Kevin Pettelle's sculpture. The scheduled timeline for installation of the artwork is by the end of November of this year, when there will be an unveiling ceremony. Stay tuned for updates!

**Safety Tip**

The turn of the season means it's getting darker earlier every evening. No matter where you are, you want to stay safe. If you are at home, on the road, or working out, there are plenty of safety tips to remember. This week's safety tip is below.

**Driving**

Driving at night is different than driving in daylight. There are hazards on the road that can be hard to see. When it stays darker longer that means you need to be cautious. Here are a few safety tips that will keep you and those around you safe while on the road.

- Be aware of decreased visibility. While it is getting darker, earlier, that means a decrease in visibility during rush hour. This can lead to more accidents. Make an extra effort to stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Weather conditions will be different. Not only does it get dark earlier but the weather changes. Be sure that your car lights are all working and leveled. Also, be sure your wipers are in good condition.

### **Special Olympics Red Robin Statewide “Tip-A-Cop” Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign Fundraising Event**

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, our officers will be at the Red Robin in Monroe as “Celebrity Waiters” to collect tips in support of Special Olympics. This is the 10th year that the Monroe Police Department has been participating in this event.

### **HEROIN, We Need to Talk...**

The public is invited to a discussion on Heroin use in our Community. The event will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club, 2 pm – 4 pm. Guest speakers include Sergeant Ryan Irving with the Monroe Police Department; the Snohomish County Drug and Gang Task Force; Dr. Gary Goldbaum with the Snohomish County Health District, and Cleo Harris with Snohomish County Human Services who will present information on Naloxone Training. This is a great opportunity to receive information and ask questions.

### **Save The Date! Jayme Biendl 5K Memorial Run**

Join us for the 6th Annual Jayme Biendl Memorial Run in Monroe, WA that supports families of police and correctional officers killed in the line of duty. This 5K Fun Run/Walk is a family and pet friendly event. The course starts/ends at Sky River Park and winds thru the grounds of the Washington State Reformatory. At the request of the family, proceeds are donated directly to the Behind the Badge Foundation. \$30 entry fee includes t-shirt. Pre-registrants may pick up shirts on run day. Register early to guarantee a shirt. If you register on the day of the race, t-shirt sizes will be limited.

### **Coffee With the Mayor**

Join me Saturday, October 29, 2016 for coffee. I will be at Pilot House Coffee, 408 W. Main St, in Monroe from 8-9:30 a.m. Bring your questions, comments, or just stop by to say Hi. I look forward to seeing you!

### **We're Hiring**

The City of Monroe is currently recruiting for a Finance Director. This position, reporting to the City Administrator, plays a crucial role as a member of the City's Strategic Leadership Team. The position is open until filled. First review November 7th. For more information and to submit an application, please visit:

[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs).