



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Bill No. 19-077

SUBJECT:	Ordinance No. 007/2019, Amending MMC 10.08, Vehicles and Traffic, re Main Street Speed Limit; First Reading
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DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
04/09/2019	Public Works	Brad Feilberg	Brad Feilberg	New Business #3

Discussion: 01/09/2018, 02/13/2018, 04/17/2018, 01/15/2019, 03/19/2019, 04/09/2019

Attachments: 1. Proposed Ordinance

REQUESTED ACTION: Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 007/23019, amending Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 10.08, Vehicles and Traffic, amending the applicable time periods for local speed limits on Main Street, providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Speed limits on City Streets are set by Ordinance; or the RCW default of twenty-five miles per hour.

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Councilmember Scarboro requested the City Council review the recent change in speed limit to twenty miles per hours between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on West Main Street between 177th Avenue and Madison Street; and consider amending the code to have the lower speed limit effective only Monday through Friday.

This was discussed by the City Council on January 9, 2019. Additional information regarding the thoughts of the adjacent schools was requested. The results of inquiries of the adjacent schools are as follows:

SCHOOL	COMMUNICATION	WHOM	POSITION	OPINION
Monroe Christian	In Person	Elaine Obbink	Administrator	Is fine the way it is; would also be fine with M-F only.
Monroe Montessori	Phone	Thea Heineman	Director	Is fine the way it is; would also be fine with M-F only.
Monroe School District	Phone	Joe Banach	Transportation Manager	Approve of the 20 mph speed zone, but also feel that it should only be during school (not weekends and not during summer break).

A review of the Monroe School District’s online facility calendar show 805 events currently scheduled between 06/01/2018 and 12/31/2019 occurring outside of Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the school year. Forty-six of these events occur on weekends.

Following discussion on March 19, 2019, the Council consensus was to make the reduced speed effective Monday through Friday during the school year.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Costs associated with changing signage if any changes are desired. Approximately \$600 for initial signage and \$500 per year to change at beginning and end of school year.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO REQUESTED ACTION

- A. Propose changes to MMC 10.08.090; and provide direction to the Mayor and City Staff to prepare an ordinance to be brought back for further consideration.
- B. Do not propose changes to MMC 10.08.090; and provide direction to the Mayor and City Staff to do no further research on this matter.
- C. Request further information on MMC 10.08.090; and provide direction to the Mayor and City Staff to bring back for further discussion.

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO.009/2018**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC) CHAPTER 10.08, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AMENDING THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIODS FOR LOCAL SPEED LIMITS ON MAIN STREET, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to amend the Monroe Municipal Code to update certain sections; and

WHEREAS, for the segment of West Main Street between 177th Avenue and Madison Street, MMC 10.08.090 establishes a maximum speed limit of twenty miles per hour between the hours of seven a.m. and four-thirty p.m., and twenty-five miles per hour at all other times; and

WHEREAS the City Council, in consultation with the City Engineer, has determined that the reduced twenty miles per hour maximum speed limit previously established for said street segment should apply during those times that school children are likely to be present.

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

Section 1. Amendment of MMC Section 10.08.090, West Main Street. Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 10.08.090, West Main Street, is hereby amended as follows:

10.08.090 West Main Street.

The speed limit on West Main Street, from 177th Avenue to Madison Street, is established at twenty miles per hour Monday through Friday between the hours of seven a.m. and ~~((four-thirty))~~four p.m. during the Monroe school district no. 103 school year and twenty-five miles per hour at other times.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by State or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five 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 _____, 2019.

First Reading: April 9, 2019
Final Reading:
Published:
Effective:

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

(SEAL)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney