



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 20-102

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Emergency Executive Order 2020-008 (COVID-19)</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
07/14/2020	Community Development	Ben Swanson	Ben Swanson	Consent Agenda #13

**Discussion:** 07/14/2020

**Attachments:** 1. Emergency Executive Order 2020-008

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Move to confirm the Mayor's Executive Emergency Order 2020-008, extending the expiration date of short subdivisions.

### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

*On March 24, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-28, relating to the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act; the proclamation restricted the ability of public agencies to take action to only those actions that are necessary and routine, or to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and public health emergency. The proclamation was effective through April 23, 2020 and subsequently extended through May 4, 2020.*

*Monroe Municipal Code Section 2.60.080 Mayor – Duties and powers, provides for the Mayor to “make and issue rules and regulations” that are then “confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the city council.”*

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Following the proclamation of emergency on March 2, 2020, Mayor Thomas has issued an emergency executive order extending expiration date those short subdivisions impacted by the COVID-19 emergency as provided for in Monroe Municipal Code section 2-60-080(D)(1). The purpose of Emergency Executive Order 2020-008 was to provide additional time to acquire final approval for short subdivisions which expired following Govern Inslee's Proclamation 20-25 prohibiting all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business.

Under Executive Emergency Order 2020-008 all preliminary short subdivisions that expired after March 23, 2020 shall be extended until December 31, 2020. This will allow time for the developers to complete the required improvements and file for final subdivision with the City.

Monroe Municipal Code section 2.60.080(D)(1) requires the City Council to confirm the Mayor's emergency executive orders.

### FISCAL IMPACTS

There are no direct finance impacts to the City under Emergency Executive Order 2020-008

### TIME CONSTRAINTS

Monroe Municipal Code section 2.60.080(D)(1) requires the City Council to confirm the Mayor's emergency executive orders at the earliest practicable time.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Move to rescind the Mayor's emergency executive orders.
2. Modify the proposed extension date to allow more or less time to file for final short subdivision.



## Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-008

### Extension of Short Subdivisions

**Purpose:**

To provide additional time to acquire final approval for short subdivisions which expired following Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25 prohibiting all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business.

**Discussion:**

- I. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- II. On March 2, 2020, Mayor Thomas proclaimed a State of Emergency in the City of Monroe due to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- III. Pursuant to chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington and chapter 2.60 Monroe Municipal Code, Mayor Thomas has broad authority to issue, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulation on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property related to a proclaimed emergency.
- IV. On March 23, 2020 Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issue Proclamation 20-25 prohibiting all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business.
- V. All construction activity not deemed essential was forced to stop work due to the Governor's Proclamation. Certain short subdivisions were unable to complete required infrastructure improvements which prohibited them from filing for final short subdivision or substantially delay the time line established by Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) 22.68.040(A)(5)(d).
- VI. Granting temporary extension to short subdivision to allow developers additional time to complete necessary improvements and file for final short subdivision under MMC) 22.68.040(A)(5)(d) will lessen the financial burden on residential developers.

**Action:**

1. Effective immediately all preliminary short subdivisions that expired after March 23, 2020 shall be extended until December 31, 2020.

**Effective:**

- I. This Emergency Executive Order shall remain in effect until cancelled, suspended, upon the issuance of a proclamation ending the emergency, or December 31, 2020, whichever shall occur first.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

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