

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 014/2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONROE, WASHINGTON, SETTING FORTH AN
UPDATED TIMELINE AND SCHEDULE FOR CITY
COUNCIL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires the periodic review and, if necessary, revisions to GMA plans and development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to complete the current GMA periodic review was June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in August 2013 the City of Monroe entered into an agreement with a consulting firm to work on the 2015 GMA Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the GMA Update process included the preparation of an entirely new Comprehensive Plan, including new Transportation Plan, Parks and Recreation Plan, Economic Development Strategy and utility (water, sewer and storm drainage) plans; and

WHEREAS, the public involvement process has to date been extensive including a week long studio, joint workshops amongst City boards and commissions and the City Council, multiple Planning Commission workshops, a Planning Commission public hearing and multiple City Council briefings and updates; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2015, an integrated draft Comprehensive Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was released to the public, interested parties and agencies for public review and transmitted to State agencies for the 60-day review process in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS the public comment period on the (DEIS) concluded June 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2015, the City of Monroe Planning Commission opened a public hearing on the integrated draft Comprehensive Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and continued the public hearing to May 4, 2015, and then again to May 11, 2015, to afford ample opportunity for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe Planning Commission has met May 18, 2015, May 26, 2015, June 1, 2015, June 8, 2015, June 15 2015, June 22, 2015, June 29, 2015, July 13, 2015, July 20, 2015, and July 27, 2015, to deliberate on the Comprehensive Plan, and continues to meet for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2015, the Washington State Department of Commerce provided the City of Monroe with comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan and on June 4, 2015, the City of Monroe received comments from the Puget Sound Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2015, the Monroe City Council adopted Resolution No. 011/2015 indicating the City's intent to review and revise the Comprehensive Plan by July 28, 2015; provided that, the schedule is subject to change as necessary to ensure public review and comment and thorough review by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on-going review by the Planning Commission, the need to address recent comments from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Puget Sound Regional Council and other interested parties, and the need for the consultant to prepare a revised draft in accordance with the Planning Commission recommendation necessitates additional time beyond July 28, 2015, to complete the process; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council intends to hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan in September 2015, provided that the Planning Commission completes its recommendation in time for the City Council to hold said hearing; and

WHEREAS, GMA Statewide Planning Goal 11 (RCW 36.70A.020) states, "(11) Citizen participation and coordination. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts;" and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City Council public hearing, the review and revision of the Comprehensive Plan still requires completion of the Final EIS, which is currently anticipated to occur by September 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council wants to ensure compliance with the citizen participation goal of the GMA and give due consideration to comments it may receive while still reiterating the City's good faith commitment toward the timely completion of the 2015 period update process.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Intention to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. The Monroe City Council will review and revise the Comprehensive Plan by September 29 2015; provided that, the schedule is subject to change as necessary to ensure public review and comment and thorough review by the City Council.

Section 2. Transmittal to Commerce. The Community Development Director is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Washington Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services Division.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 28 day of July, 2015.

Adopted: July 28, 2015
Effective: July 28, 2015

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

(SEAL)



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney