

ORDINANCE NO. 008/2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PARK CODE, MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.28; AUTHORIZING THE LIMITED POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY PARKS THROUGH AN APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND APPROPRIATE STATE OF WASHINGTON APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director has recommended to the City Council that the following amendment be made to the Monroe Park Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a goal to enhance and increase economic development through special events and use of recreational lands to create new revenues; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the limited consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in City parks, subject to a Special Event Permit, will advance said goals while still ensuring the safe and orderly use of City parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 9.28.210. Section 9.28.210 of the Monroe

Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

9.28.210 Alcoholic beverages.

It is unlawful for any person to consume or possess any alcoholic beverage in a city park, including unopened alcoholic beverage containers, except in those areas and/or at those events for which the appropriate license(s)/permit(s) has been obtained from the State of Washington and an approved Special Event Permit has been issued by the director or designee in accordance with Chapter 5.28 MMC.

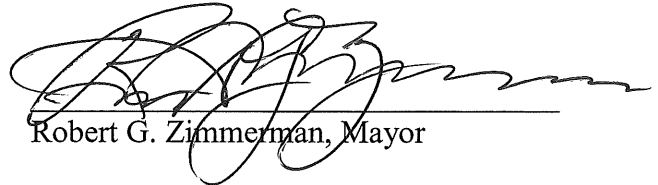
Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause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

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and approval 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 17th day of April, 2012

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

1st Reading: 04/17/12
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Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney