

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. 003/2018**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,  
WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.10 MMC  
PARKING REGULATIONS; UPDATING STANDARDS AND  
PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF  
VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN PARKING INFRACTIONS;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME  
WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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WHEREAS, the City of Monroe has adopted and codified regulations governing vehicle parking at Chapter 10.10 MMC; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend said regulations for the purpose of authorizing the impoundment of vehicles unlawfully parked on public property where there are two or more outstanding parking infractions against the vehicle for each of which a person has failed to respond, appear at a requested hearing or pay; and

WHEREAS, the amendments set forth herein will serve the public interest by strengthening the City's parking enforcement efforts and facilitating the collection of unpaid infractions.

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

Section 1. Amendment MMC 10.10.030. Subsection 10.10.030(H) of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**10.10.030 Enforcement of parking regulations.**

H. Impoundment. The chief of police or her/his designee(s) may take custody of a vehicle and provide for its prompt removal to a place of safety whenever: (i) a vehicle is parked in a public right-of-way or on other publicly owned or controlled property in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation, and (ii) there are [~~FIVE~~] **TWO** or more Monroe parking infractions issued against the vehicle for each of which a person has failed to respond, failed to appear at a requested hearing, or failed to pay.

1. If a vehicle is impounded pursuant to this subsection (H), then in addition to any applicable impoundment and storage fees, the registered owner or his/her representative shall pay all outstanding fines for parking infractions issued against the vehicle for each of which a person has failed to respond, failed to appear at a requested hearing, or failed to pay. Proof of payment shall be provided directly to the Monroe traffic violations bureau prior to the vehicle being released by the impound facility to the registered owner.

2. When a vehicle is impounded pursuant to this subsection (H), the impound facility shall not release the vehicle unless it has received authorization from the

Monroe traffic violations bureau. The impounded vehicle may not be redeemed without this authorization. All applicable RCW and/or WAC provisions governing the storage and disposal of impounded vehicles shall apply if the vehicle is not redeemed pursuant to the applicable timeline requirements for the towing company.

3. When a vehicle is impounded pursuant to this subsection (H), the officer directing the impound shall notify the registered owner that the impounded vehicle may not be redeemed without authorization from the Monroe traffic violations bureau. A diligent attempt to notify the registered owner shall be made within 24 hours at the address on the vehicle's registration if the address is within the city of Monroe. If the registered owner's address is outside the city limits, notification will be provided by certified mail.

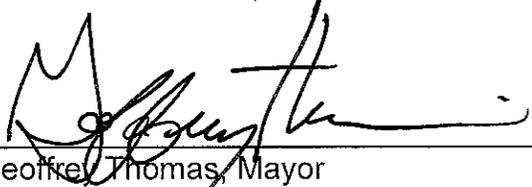
Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause 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 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 16th day of March, 2018.

First Reading: February 20, 2018  
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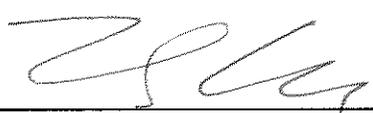
  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

  
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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney