

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 025/2018**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,
WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TAXATION OF
WASTEWATER/SEWER UTILITY PROVIDERS,
ESTABLISHING A TEN PERCENT UTILITY TAX ON THE
GROSS INCOME OF WASTEWATER/SEWER
PROVIDERS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the public interest is best served by imposing a wastewater/sewer utility tax in the amount of ten percent.

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

Section 1. Wastewater/Sewer Utility Businesses Subject to Tax. A new Section 5.20.070 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

5.20.070 Wastewater/Sewer utility businesses subject to tax.

Effective January 1, 2019, there shall be levied upon every business providing wastewater/sewer utility service for domestic, farm, industrial, and other uses, a tax equal to ten percent of the total gross income derived from the operation of such business, to be levied upon such business. The City of Monroe, as a wastewater/sewer provider, shall be subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

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.

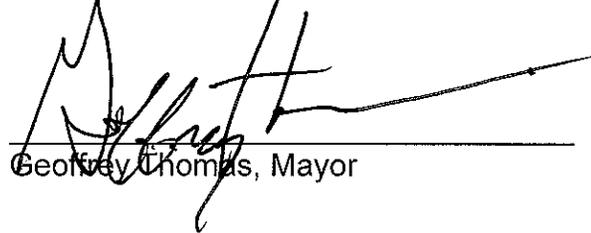
Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is subject to referendum as set forth in RCW 35.21.706. Any duly qualified person may file a referendum petition with the City Clerk within seven days after the passage of this ordinance. In the event that such a petition is filed, the City Clerk shall, within ten days, confer with the petitioner regarding the form and style of the petition, secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the City Attorney, and assign an identification number to the petition. Thereafter, the petitioner shall have thirty days within which to gather signatures from not less than fifteen percent of the City's registered voters as of the last municipal general election, on petition forms which contain the ballot title and full text of the measure to be referred. The City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, shall certify the referendum measure to the next election ballot within the City or at a special election ballot as provided pursuant to RCW 35.17.260(2). In the event that no referendum

petition is timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect eight (8) days after its passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 13th day of November, 2018.

First Reading: October 23, 2018
Adoption: November 13, 2018
Published: November 16, 2018
Effective: November 24, 2018

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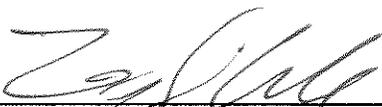
Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney