

CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 015/2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 MMC COUNCIL MEETINGS; UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THE PHYSICAL LOCATION, REMOTE PARTICIPATION, AND HOLIDAY RESCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF THE MONROE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.04 of the Monroe Municipal Code (“MMC”), the City has established the regular meeting dates, place, and mechanism of changing meetings of the Monroe City Council; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”), dictates the manner in which public meetings shall be conducted including when regular meetings fall on a legal holiday; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1329, approved by Washington State Legislature amending the OPMA, encourages municipalities to allow for virtual participation by the public, and allows for virtual participation by members of governing bodies if allowed by ordinance or rule; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 2.04 MMC in order to clarify the physical location for Council meetings, to allow for virtual attendance, and to clarify when and how a regular meeting shall be rescheduled to if the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or holiday eve;

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

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 2.04.020. Section 2.04.020 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

2.04.020 Place of meeting.

The physical place of meetings of the city council shall be in the City Hall except as expressly provided in a special meeting notice. It is the general policy of the city that, whenever feasible, virtual attendance by the public at meetings of the city council shall also be available via telephonic and/or other electronic methods, the connection information for which shall be provided to the public at the time of publication of the meeting agenda or as otherwise required by law. The specific

standards and procedures for such virtual attendance may be further defined in the City Council's Rules of Procedure.

Section 2. Amendment of MMC 2.04.030. Section 2.04.030 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

2.04.030 Change in meeting.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.070, whenever a regularly stated meeting of the council falls on a holiday, such regular meeting shall be held on the next business day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever a regularly stated meeting of the council falls on a holiday or a holiday eve, the council may, by motion and majority vote and by providing notice as required by law, change that particular date to another suitable date, which changed date shall then become a regular-stated special meeting date of the council.

Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) 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 24th day of May, 2022.

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