



MONROE THIS WEEK

March 14, 2025



With signs of spring happening, it's a pleasure to see people enjoying our fields, playgrounds and trails at our many parks. A great big Thank You to Boy Scout Troop 148 for bracing through the weather and replacing the backstop at Lake Tye Park's dirt baseball field. This good work directly helps our community in ensuring our parks are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy.



This edition of Monroe This Week features:

- *Zoning Map and Development Regulations Public Hearing*
- *City Magazine Re-launch*
- *Accessory Dwelling Unit Code Updates*
- *Job Openings at the City of Monroe*

Please reach out to me with what may be on your mind about and for

Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUE ADOPTION PROCESS FOR ZONING MAP AND CODE AMENDMENTS



With the adoption of the [Comprehensive Plan](#) late last year, recent work has focused on amending city codes and official land use maps to achieve the City's "Imagine Monroe" Vision Statement, community priorities, and state and federal requirements.

Currently, the City's Zoning Map and land use development regulations must now

be updated and formally adopted by the City Council to be consistent with the 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning Map and regulations are contained in [Monroe Municipal Code, Title 22](#), Unified Development Regulations (UDR).

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 24 at 7 p.m. (hybrid meeting). Meeting materials will be [posted online](#) by Friday, March 21. Only in-person verbal comment on the proposed amendments will be accepted during the public hearing. Written comments may be emailed to hmaynard@monroewa.gov or mailed to Community Development Department, 14841 179th Ave SE, Sute 320, Monroe, WA 98272 by 5 p.m. on March 24.

Proposed zoning changes throughout the city are reflected in this [map](#).

The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council, which is expected to hold public hearings later this spring.

Since January, the City Council and Planning Commission have been considering and formally adopting code amendments to ensure their consistency with the Comprehensive Plan's population forecast and housing

and employment needs for 2044. This process is expected to continue until May.

CITY MAGAZINE RELAUNCH - MONROE MAGAZINE

I'm excited to announce the re-launch of our beloved [Choose Monroe magazine](#), now titled the MONROE Magazine. MONROE is a Monroe-centered magazine published once a year by the City of Monroe highlighting the local experiences, shopping and stories that make Monroe a special place to live. The publication is funded by the City of Monroe and local business owners with the mission for residents to shop local, play local, and dine local. Reducing the publication to once a year will allow us to increase the page count and include even more information about Monroe.

It's always a great time to learn more about where you live. You can expect to read about a variety of topics such as free community performances, dining options, experiences available only in Monroe, a day with your dog, and more. We will even be including some fun Monroe trivia! Even if you have lived here 30 years, we will strive to introduce you to something you may not know is right here in your backyard.

If you have a business and are interested in advertising in the publication, please contact Katie@ColibriNW.com.

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ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) REGULATIONS GET UPDATE

The passing of Washington State [House Bill \(HB\)-1337](#) brings important changes to residential property regulations in Monroe, specifically regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). These updates aim to make it easier for homeowners to build and use ADUs on their properties. The City is currently working to update the Monroe Municipal Code

to reflect these changes. The new regulations are expected to be adopted by June 30, 2025.

The Planning Commission is expected to hold a Public Hearing on April 14 at 7 p.m. regarding these changes. Meeting materials will be [posted online](#) prior to the hearing.

An ADU is a residential living unit providing independent living facilities and permanent provisions for sleeping, cooking, sanitation, and living on the same lot as a single-family home.

Examples of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

ADUs in blue; main residence in white

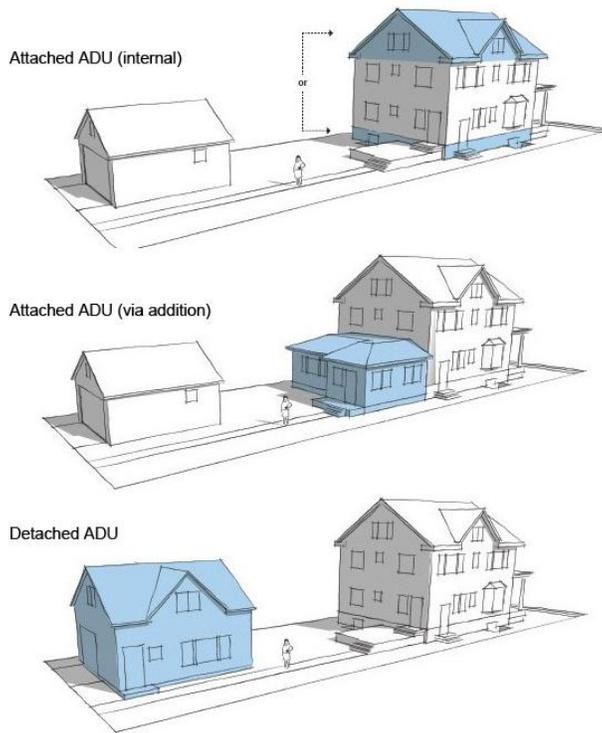


Image credit: City of Saint Paul, MN

Key Changes Under HB-1337:

- The City of Monroe must now allow up to 2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on residential properties.
- The owner-occupancy requirement has been removed, making it easier for homeowners to build and rent ADUs.
- Design standards have been eased, reducing barriers to ADU construction and increasing flexibility for homeowners.

What Are the Benefits of ADUs?

ADUs offer a variety of benefits to homeowners, including:

- Promoting aging in place by providing a separate, accessible living space for family members.
- Generating additional rental income by renting out the unit.
- Offering a starter home for a young adult or someone new to the area.
- Providing housing for extended family, such as aging parents or adult children.
- Increasing property value by adding functional living space.

Please contact Amy Bright, Planner, Community Development at abright@monroewa.gov should you have specific questions about ADU regulations in the city.

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to apply for open positions: Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker, Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker, and Plans Examiner. Visit our [Employment webpage](#) to learn about benefits and the application process. More information on Monroe's current openings can be found on the [GovernmentJobs.com website](#).

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The next City Council Meeting is currently scheduled for Tues., March 25, 2025 at 7 p.m. To view the meeting agenda, click the button below. City Council meetings are re-broadcasted on the [City's YouTube Channel \(@MonroeWA\)](#). To learn how to provide public comment to the Mayor and City Council, click [here](#).

Council Agendas/Minutes



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