

CODE

CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. 005/2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, RENEWING THE INTERIM ZONING REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 002/2013 AND CODIFIED AS MMC CHAPTER 18.80, SIGNS, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF SIGNAGE; ADOPTING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, the City of Monroe regulates the display of signage through Chapter 18.80 of the Monroe Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, for reasons set forth in this ordinance, the City Council deems it necessary to renew previously enacted interim zoning regulations regarding signs.

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

Section 1. Findings. As its findings in support of the interim zoning regulation renewal imposed by this ordinance, the Monroe City Council hereby adopts the recitals set forth above, together with the following:

- A. The City will continue to review the interim zoning regulations to refine and clarify code requirements.
- B. The City continues to receive inquiries; regulations are being further revised.
- C. The City is further developing sign enforcement programs and other regulatory measures.
- D. If the City's interim zoning regulations are not renewed, additional signage display and placement could be implemented according to regulations that are under revision for further clarity and definition, prior to adoption of permanent regulations.
- E. The City Council deems it to be in the public interest to renew the existing interim zoning regulations on Signs.

Section 2. Interim Zoning Controls Imposed. Pursuant to the authority of Article 11, Section 11, of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 35A.63.220, and RCW 36.70A.390, the interim zoning controls adopted under Ordinance No. 002/2013, renewed for a period of six months under Ordinance No. 014/2013, and presently codified as MMC Chapter 18.80 are hereby renewed.

Section 3. Public Hearing. Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, the City Council held a public hearing March 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in order to take public testimony concerning the renewal of the interim zoning controls set forth in Section 2 above.

Section 4. Transmittal to Department of Commerce. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date; Duration. This ordinance shall become effective April 20, 2014. The City Clerk is directed to publish a summary of this ordinance at the earliest possible date. The renewed interim zoning controls set forth in this ordinance shall be in effect for a period of three months from the date this ordinance is effective and shall automatically expire on that date unless renewed as provided in RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, or unless terminated sooner by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 1st day of April, 2014.

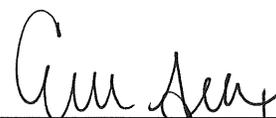
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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: April 1, 2014  
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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney