

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 002/2015**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING CHAPTER 9.06 MMC, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC
MORALS; UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THE CITY'S CODIFIED
STANDARDS FOR LEWD CONDUCT; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL
BECOME EFFECTIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe has a fundamental interest in the preservation of community mores and ensuring that appropriate standards of personal conduct are maintained in public places; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this objective, the City has defined and prohibited lewd conduct through regulations codified at Chapter 9.06 MMC; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Chapter 9.06 MMC to further clarify that lewd conduct, as defined therein, is prohibited in all public places, including without limitation retail structures from which customers can be served food and beverages through a drive-up or walk-up window, door or similar access point.

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

Section 1. Amendment of MMC 9.06.010, Definitions. Subsection 9.06.010(E) of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

E. "Public" or "public display" means **[EASILY] open to public view or otherwise clearly** visible from a public thoroughfare, from a park or playground, from a door or entryway, from one or more family dwelling units or in any public or quasi-public place such as but not limited to **parking lots, drive-through lanes,** stores, restaurants and other business areas open to the general public. **Without limitation of the foregoing, a "public" place specifically includes structures from which retail customers can be served food and beverages through a drive-up or walk-up window, door, or similar means.**

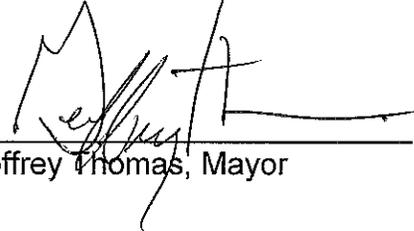
Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause 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 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 February, 2015.

1st Reading: February 17, 2015
2nd/Final Reading: February 24, 2015
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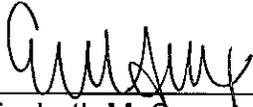


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk



J. Zachary Leil, City Attorney