

Chapter 4.80

LEOFF-1 DISABILITY BOARD

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4.80.010 **Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this chapter:

- A. “Disability board” means the board authorized by RCW [41.26.110](#) and this chapter to consider and act upon claims for disability by LEOFF-1 members.
- B. “LEOFF-1” means the law enforcement officers’ and firefighters’ retirement plan 1 as defined by Chapter [41.26](#) RCW.
- C. “Mayor” means the city of Monroe mayor or designee. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.020 **Establishment.**

Pursuant to RCW [41.26.110](#), there is hereby established a disability board having jurisdiction over all claims for disability by members of the LEOFF-1 retirement plan employed by or retired from the city. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.030 **Composition.**

- A. The disability board shall be composed of the following five members:
 - 1. Two members of the city council, to be appointed by the mayor.

2. Two active or retired law enforcement officers employed by or retired from the city, to be elected by the law enforcement officers employed by or retired from the city who are subject to the jurisdiction of the board. All law enforcement officers employed by or retired from the city are eligible for election.
 3. One member from the public at large who resides within the city, to be appointed by the other four members designated in this section.
- B. At the disability board's direction, the mayor shall advertise and solicit applications from individuals desiring to serve as the at-large member.
- C. If no eligible active or retired law enforcement officer is willing or able to be elected to the disability board pursuant to subsection [\(A\)\(2\)](#) of this section, then the following individuals may be elected to the disability board pursuant to subsection [\(A\)\(2\)](#) of this section:
1. Any active or retired law enforcement officer under Chapter [41.26](#) or [41.20](#) RCW who resides within the city; or
 2. The surviving spouse or domestic partner of a law enforcement officer who is subject to the jurisdiction of the disability board. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.040 Terms – Vacancies – Elections.

- A. All members of the disability board elected or appointed pursuant to this chapter shall serve a two-year term.
- B. Any member of the disability board who ceases to have the qualifications provided in this chapter shall be deemed to have forfeited his or her office.
- C. Vacancies occurring, other than through the expiration of terms, shall be filled for the unexpired term of the outgoing member. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment or election.
- D. The mayor shall organize any elections required under this chapter and shall ensure that such elections are held in a timely manner. The mayor shall provide a notice of elections to the city's law enforcement officers through their city email accounts and to the city's retired law enforcement officers by mail to the last known address provided to the city. The notice of elections shall also be posted on the city's website. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.050 Duties and powers.

- A. The disability board shall perform all functions, exercise all powers, and make such determinations as specified by Chapter [41.26](#) RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

B. The disability board may adopt reasonable rules consistent with state law, state regulations, and this chapter to carry out its authority and to govern the manner and form of filings, presentations, and hearings before the disability board. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.060 Officers, quorum, and meetings.

A. At the first meeting following establishment of the disability board, and annually thereafter, the disability board shall select from among its members a chairperson, a chairperson pro tem, and such other officers as may be necessary, who shall serve in such capacity for a one-year term.

B. The mayor may, in the mayor's discretion, designate one or more employees of the city to provide administrative support to the disability board.

C. The presence of three members of the disability board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

D. The disability board shall meet regularly at a scheduled time and place established by resolution of the disability board. Regular meetings may be canceled if there is no business pending before the disability board.

E. All meetings of the disability board shall be open to the public and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, unless otherwise required or allowed by state or federal law. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.070 Compensation and expenses.

Members of the disability board shall serve without compensation for their service, but members shall be reimbursed by the city for expenses incidental to their service in the manner and amount as authorized by law. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

4.80.080 Construction and administration.

The provisions of this chapter shall be reasonably construed and administered in a manner consistent with applicable state law and state regulations, including without limitation Chapter [41.26](#) RCW and any future amendments thereto. (Ord. 014/2023 § 1 (Exh. A))

The Monroe Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 014/2023, passed July 25, 2023.

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