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| Lake | An area permanently inundated by water in excess of two meters deep and greater than twenty acres in size measured at the ordinary high water mark. |
| Land clearing | The act of removing or destroying trees, ground cover, and other vegetation by manual, mechanical, or chemical methods. |
| Landscape architect | A Washington State registered professional landscape architect, having current certification with the State Department of Licensing. |
| Landscape barrier/buffer | A space, either landscaped or in a protected state, intended to reduce the impact of development, traffic, undesirable sights, sounds, and odors. |
| Landscape maintenance | The continual maintenance of planting areas and landscape plants in a healthy, living condition, the replacement of dead, diseased, or damaged plant material, and the repair of irrigation systems. |
| Landscaping or landscaping areas | Natural vegetation such as trees, shrubs, ground cover and other landscape materials arranged in a manner to produce an aesthetic effect appropriate for the use to which the land is put. Ponds, streams, natural areas, or areas for the detention of stormwater runoff are not considered part of the landscaped area of a site unless they are integrated with required landscaping as a water feature. |
| Laundromat | A commercial laundry and/or dry cleaning business, including coin-operated laundry facilities. |
| Legal building, legal structure and legal land use | Any building, structure or use of the land that complies with all applicable zoning code requirements. |
| Legibility | The physical attributes of a sign that allow for differentiation of its letters, words, numbers, or graphics, which directly relate to an observer's visual |

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| Level of service, existing/proposed (LOS) | A term used to qualitatively describe the operating conditions for capital facilities, parks and schools. |
| Library | A facility housing a collection of literary documents and/or research material available for borrowing. |
| Licensed practitioners | Those persons possessing a license earned as a result of passing an examination administered by a state or national board of examiners, commission or professional association. |
| Light-emitting diode (LED) | A semiconductor light source. Early LEDs emitted low-intensity red light, but modern versions are available across the visible, ultraviolet, and infrared wavelengths, with very high brightness. An LED sign is illuminated solely by tiny light bulbs fit into an electrical circuit that is lit by the movement of electrons in a semiconductor material. The more dense or closer the bulbs are placed, the higher the resolution of the image, which can vary from a dot matrix image to very high resolution equal to a television screen. |
| Lighting, foot candle (fc) | A measure of illumination on a surface that is one foot from a uniform source of light of one candle and equal to one lumen per square foot. |
| Liquid crystal display (LCD) | A flat panel display, electronic visual display, or video display that uses the light modulating properties of liquid crystals. Liquid crystals do not emit light directly. It is an electronically modulated optical device made up of any number of segments filled with liquid crystals and arrayed in front of a light source (backlight) or reflector to produce images in color or monochrome. |
| Liquor stores | Establishments engaged in retailing packaged alcoholic beverages, such as ale, beer, wine, and liquor. Includes land uses specified in NAICS Industry |

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| Loading space | A space on the same site with the principal use served which provides for the temporary parking of a vehicle while loading or unloading merchandise, materials or passengers. |
| Local correctional facility | A facility which provides for physical restriction of residents; a facility to which persons are sentenced for a specific period of time by the court. |
| Logo, logogram, or logotype | An emblem, letter, character, pictograph, trademark, or symbol used to represent any firm, organization, entity, or product. |
| Lot | A parcel of land described by: A. Reference to a recorded plat; B. Metes and bounds; C. Section, range, and township; usually a part of a subdivision. |
| Lot coverage | That percentage of the gross area of a lot that is occupied by buildings, structures, and impervious surfaces. Maximum lot coverage regulates the intensity of development on a site. |
| Lot depth | The mean dimension of the lot from the front street line to the rear line. |
| Lot frontage | That portion nearest the street or easement except on a corner lot, in which case the front yard shall be considered the narrowest part of the lot that abuts a street. |
| Lot, fully developed | Parcels with improvements assessed by the Snohomish County assessor's office at a value greater than ten thousand dollars (containing an existing structure); for single-family lots the existing structure is valued at greater than seventy percent of the land value and for multifamily and commercial lots the existing structure is valued at greater than seventy-five percent of |

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| | the land value. |
| Lot, panhandle or flag lot | A lot where the front and rear lot lines conform to zoning code requirements for lot dimensions except for the panhandle. The panhandle is a narrow strip of land to be utilized for access purposes from an improved public right-of-way. The panhandle or access portion of the lot is not be used to determine building setbacks, but is counted toward minimum lot area requirements or maximum allowed residential density, as applicable. |
| <u>Lot, parent</u> | <u>Means a lot which is subdivided into unit lots through the unit lot subdivision process.</u> |
| <u>Lot, unit</u> | <u>Means a lot created from a parent lot and approved through the unit lot subdivision process.</u> |
| Lot width | The horizontal distance between lot sidelines. |
| Lumber yard | An establishment devoted to the sale of lumber, drywall, roofing and similar building materials. |

(Ord. 033/2022 § 1 (Exh. A); Ord. 013/2019 § 2)

The Monroe Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 001/2025, passed January 14, 2025.

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