

**ORDINANCE NO. 004/2011**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TERM LIMIT AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MONROE PARKS BOARD AND MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION AS DEFINED IN CHAPTERS 2.16 AND 2.32 OF THE MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council has determined that a four-year term limit for Park Board and Planning Commission positions is a sufficient time limit for these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council has determined that service on the Park Board and Planning Commission be limited to no more than twelve consecutive years and shall not thereafter be eligible for reappointment to the Park Board or Planning Commission until two full years have lapsed since the end of the member's previous term.

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

Section 1. MMC 2.16.030(B) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Park board shall consist of five members at large, with one member from the city Planning Commission and one member from the Monroe School District. The Mayor with the consent of the City Council shall appoint the members at large. The members at large shall be of recognized fitness for such position, shall be selected without respect to political affiliations and shall reside within the limits of the city of Monroe, except the Mayor may appoint, with consent of the City Council, one board member from the city of Monroe's Urban Growth Area to fill a vacant position. The Mayor shall confer with the Planning Commission and Monroe School District to select a representative from each organization. The Mayor shall appoint one member from each organization, with the consent of the City Council.

Section 2. MMC 2.16.030(C) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term of office for each appointed board member shall be four years. No board member shall serve on the Park board for a period exceeding twelve consecutive years, and shall not thereafter be eligible for reappointment to the Park board until two full years have lapsed since the end of the member's previous term. Members from the Planning Commission and Monroe School District shall be for a two-year term each.

Section 3. MMC 2.32.010(A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 35A.63 RCW, as amended, there is created a city Planning Commission consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. All members of the Planning Commission shall reside within the city limits of the city of Monroe, except the Mayor may appoint and the City

Council confirm one commissioner from the city of Monroe's Urban Growth Area to fill a vacant position.

Section 4. MMC 2.32.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term of office for each appointed commission member shall be four years, and expiration of terms of office shall be set forth so that each position shall expire in rotation on December 31st in each succeeding year, so that the fewest possible terms will expire in any one year. No Planning Commission member shall serve on the Commission for a period exceeding twelve consecutive years, and shall not thereafter be eligible for reappointment to the Planning Commission until two full years have lapsed since the end of the member's previous term.

Section 5. The residency requirements proposed in sections 1 and 3 shall not apply to sitting board or commission members during the fulfillment of the appointee's current term.

Section 6. The individual term-length requirement of four years, proposed in sections 2 and 4, shall not apply to sitting board or commission members during the fulfillment of the appointee's current term. However, the overall limit of service of twelve years does apply to sitting board and commission members except as expressly provided herein or by law.

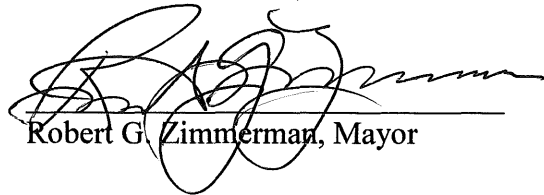
Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

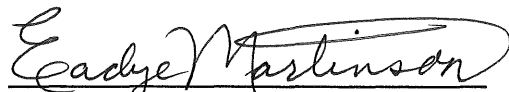
PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 1st day of February 2011.

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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

  
Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney