

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 008/2021**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING IN FULL CHAPTER 22.12 MMC, DEFINITIONS; REPLACING IN FULL CHAPTER 22.12 MMC, DEFINITIONS, WITH EMERGENCY INTERIM DEFINITIONS; ADOPTING PRELIMINARY SUPPORTIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is a code city, as provided in Title 35A RCW, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, and planning pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Title 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) mandates in RCW 36.70A.130(4)(a) that a periodic comprehensive plan review and update be conducted every eight years, which led to the adoption of the 2015-2035 City of Monroe Comprehensive Plan on December 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040(3), a jurisdiction that is required to plan, such as the City of Monroe, “shall adopt...development regulations that are consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan”; and

WHEREAS, the City developed a consolidated land use code to ensure its compliance with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act; and to simplify and streamline the City’s development process; on the City adopted Title 22 MMC, Unified Development Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City regulates the use and development of land through provisions in the Unified Development Regulations, codified in Title 22 of the MMC; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to amend Title 22 MMC, Unified Development Regulations, to replace, in full, the temporary interim definitions in Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions, adopted by Ordinance 008/2021, with updated, permanent definitions; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council conducted a first reading of the proposed ordinance on August 24, 2021, and a final reading on September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council adopted Ordinance No. 008/2021 on September 14, 2021, repealing in full Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions, attached as Exhibit B to Ordinance 008/2021; and replacing in full Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions, with the temporary interim definitions found in Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 008/2021;

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

Section 1. Adoption of Findings. The recitals set forth in Ordinance No. 008/2021, and the information contained in Agenda Bill No. 21-353, are hereby adopted as the City Council's findings in support of the development regulations proposed by this Ordinance.

Section 2. Repeal of Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions. Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 22.12, Definitions, included as Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 008/2021, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Adoption of Interim Definitions. Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 22.12, Definitions, is hereby replaced by the document attached as Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 008/2021, and incorporated herein by this reference, as if set forth in full.

Section 4. Public Hearing. Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to schedule a public hearing on the interim regulations adopted under this ordinance within 60 days.

Section 5. Transmittal to Department of Commerce. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Section 6. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.

Section 7. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by State or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 8. Declaration of Emergency; Effective Date. Based upon the findings above, the City Council declares that a public emergency exists. This ordinance shall therefore take effect immediately upon passage, and shall sunset automatically six (6) months from September 14, 2021, unless terminated earlier or extended by subsequent Council action.

ADOPTED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 14 day of September, 2021.

First Reading: August 24, 2021
Adoption: September 14, 2021
Published: September 18, 2021
Effective: September 18, 2021

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:


Geoffrey Thomas (Sep 24, 2021 12:59 PDT)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Becky Hasart, Interim City Clerk


Zach Lell (Sep 23, 2021 16:23 PDT)

J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney












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