

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 016/2014**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE 2 MMC BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 2.80, ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MONROE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROMULGATE AND ISSUE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, RULES, POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUING AND ENFORCING SPECIFIED CITY ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe has enacted and codified numerous ordinances aimed at protecting the public peace, morals and safety; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the consistent and uniform application of such ordinances, the City Council desires to authorize the Monroe Chief of Police to promulgate and issue appropriate administrative regulations, rules, policies, guidelines and interpretations that are supplementary to and consistent with such ordinances; and

WHEREAS, said delegation of authority will serve the public interest by providing clear, appropriate guidance for the interpretation and enforcement of the City's ordinances, and by helping to prevent allegations that the City's ordinances are being enforced in an arbitrary and/or inconsistent manner.

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

Section 1. Amendment of Title 2 MMC. Title 2 of the Monroe Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 2.80 Administrative Authority to provide in its entirety as follows.

**Chapter 2.80
ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY**

Sections:

- 2.80.010 Purpose.
- 2.80.020 Administrative authority delegated.
- 2.80.030 Limitations; construction.

2.80.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to formally authorize the promulgation of administrative materials to supplement, clarify and effectuate the intent of certain City of Monroe ordinances. Without limitation of the foregoing, such administrative materials may be utilized to establish reasonable definitions for undefined ordinance terms.

2.80.020 Administrative authority delegated.

A. To the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, the Monroe Chief of Police or his/her designee is hereby authorized to promulgate and issue administrative regulations, rules, policies, internal guidelines, and/or formal interpretations to reasonably aid in the appropriate construction, administration and enforcement of the following City of Monroe ordinances:

1. Chapter 1.04 MMC;
2. Chapter 6.04 MMC;
3. Chapter 6.06 MMC;
4. Title 9 MMC;
5. Chapter 10.10 MMC;
6. Chapter 10.16 MMC
7. Chapter 10.18 MMC; and
8. Chapter 10.20 MMC.

B. In promulgating administrative regulations, rules, policies, internal guidelines and/or formal interpretations pursuant to this chapter, the Police Chief shall consult as appropriate with the City Attorney.

2.80.030 Limitations; construction.

Any administrative regulations, rules, policies, internal guidelines and/or formal interpretations promulgated and issued under the authority of this chapter shall be reasonably consistent with, and shall not contradict, the relevant provisions of the underlying City of Monroe ordinance(s). Any such administrative regulations, rules, policies, internal guidelines and/or formal interpretations shall be drafted and construed in a manner that reasonably effectuates and advances the purpose and intent of such ordinance(s).


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 final 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 2nd day of December, 2014.

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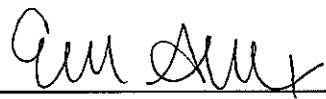
CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney