ORDINANCE NO. 017/2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 028/2008 AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, WHICH ELIMINATES FEES FOR CERTAIN PERMITS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN BENEFIT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2008, the Monroe City Council adopted Ordinance No. 028/2008, which eliminates fees for certain permits associated with development in the Downtown Benefit District; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 028/2008 will expire on August 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the reasons necessitating the fee eliminations outlined in Ordinance No. 028/2008 still exist and compel the extension of the ordinance an additional year without interruption; and

WHEREAS, continuation of the permit fee elimination program without interruption is critical to the revitalization efforts in the Downtown Benefit District; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The expiration date of Monroe Ordinance No. 028/2008 is hereby extended to August 24, 2010.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any section of the Monroe Municipal Code adopted or amended hereby 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 or code section.

Section 3. Declaration of Emergency and Immediate Effective Date. The whereas clauses of this ordinance, in addition to the whereas clauses in Monroe Ordinance No. 028/2008, the extension of which is the subject of this ordinance, are adopted by the City Council as findings in support of this ordinance as well as a designation of this ordinance as a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, public safety, public property and public peace. This ordinance, which does not levy taxes, grant, renew, or extend a

franchise, or authorize the borrowing of money, shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Council, by a vote of a majority of the Council plus one.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 18th day of August 2009.

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

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Donnetta Walser, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney