

**CITY OF MONROE  
ORDINANCE NO. 018/2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,  
WASHINGTON, RE-DESIGNATING AND AMENDING THE  
TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S AT-LARGE  
POSITION FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW;  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING APPROPRIATE  
ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME  
WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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WHEREAS, Chapter 35A.12 RCW provides that City Council Members in noncharter cities organized under the Optional Municipal Code shall serve for four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, as a vestige of Monroe's former classification as a third class city, one of the seven positions of the Monroe City Council has historically been designated as an at-large position with a two-year term of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure the City's future compliance with state law by re-designating the at-large position as Position No. 7 with a standard four-year term, and to implement this change in conjunction with the December 2017 expiration of the current term of office for said position.

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

Section 1. Re-designation of Council At-Large Position. The Monroe City Council position commonly known as the "Council At-Large" position shall henceforth be designated as Monroe City Council Position No. 7. The term of Council Position No. 7 shall be four years in accordance with Chapter 35A.12 RCW.

Section 2. Notification to Snohomish County Auditor's Office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office—Elections and Voter Registration Division as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County Washington. The Snohomish County Auditor is hereby requested to amend all future election ballots to reflect the re-designation set forth in Section 1.

Section 3. Administrative Implementation. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all administrative actions reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement the re-designation set forth in Section 1 in advance of the May 15-19, 2017, candidate filing period for the August 1, 2017, primary election.

Section 4. Prospective Effect. The provisions of this ordinance shall have prospective effect only and shall not disqualify any local elected official from completing the term of office that he or she was elected to serve as of the effective date of this ordinance.


Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage and 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

First Reading: October 18, 2016  
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Effective: November 6, 2016

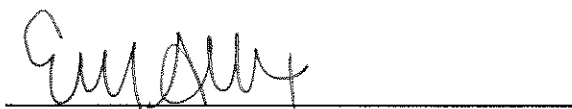
CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

  
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J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney