

ORDINANCE NO. 019/2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING AN INTERIM AMENDMENT TO MMC 13.8.240 FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE CITY'S SEWER SERVICE AREA TO THE CITY LIMITS, THEREBY PROHIBITING SEWER EXTENSIONS BEYOND CITY LIMITS EXCEPT FOR PROPERTIES SERVED BY FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS OR ADJOINING COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Monroe City Council adopted Monroe Ordinance No. 011/2008, a six-month interim ordinance limiting the City's sewer service area to Monroe City Limits; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2008, the Monroe City Council extended Monroe Ordinance No. 011/2008 for an additional year by adoption of Monroe Ordinance No. 032/2008; and

WHEREAS, the City needs an additional year to consider options and alternatives to prohibiting sewer outside the City Limits, due to the continuing efforts of the City of Monroe to address development in the unincorporated portion of the Monroe Urban Growth Area, as further detailed in the memorandum prepared by Hiller West, dated September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that it can adopt a permanent ordinance on sewer service areas without public hearings or as an interim measure, but voluntarily chooses to entertain public comment through a public hearing and limit this ordinance to a limited period of time in order to make a priority of considering alternatives and being responsive to the needs of the public; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The expiration date for Monroe Ordinance No. 032/2008 is extended an additional year to October 22, 2010. The findings in this ordinance and Ordinance No. 032/2008 and 011/2008 are adopted as findings in support of this one-year extension.


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. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) 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, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held this 6th day of October 2009.

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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:



Donnetta Walser, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney