ORDINANCE NO. 027/2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW WATER SYSTEM PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that water system planning is essential to maintaining a good quality of life for Monroe residents; and

WHEREAS, to organize and assist with compliance and to define the goals and annual duties associated with state and federal water system requirements and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an Water System Plan provides a broad overview of the Water Utility and identifies how to meet the current and future water system demands within its service area and meet the needs of the city's rate payers; and

WHEREAS, a SEPA Determination of Non-significance was issued on May 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the draft Water System Plan and environmental checklist were mailed to the Department of Ecology and other agencies on or about May 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held public hearings on October 10 and 17, 2005 and provided a recommendation that the City Council should approve the Water System Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly advertised public hearing on November 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology, after protracted negotiation with the Sky Meadow Water Association approved the City of Monroe Water System Plan on December 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of public comment and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council finds that the proposed document is in the public interest and consistent with the goals and intent of the Monroe Comprehensive Plan; and

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

Section 1. Adoption of a Water System Plan. The Monroe City Council hereby adopts the Water System Plan, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

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, being the exercise of a power specifically delegated to the legislative body of the city, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after 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 15th day of December 2009.

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12/15/2009

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Effective:

12/27/2009

Donnetta Walser, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:

Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney