

ORDINANCE NO.007/2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SUBSECTION A OF MMC 13.04.026 AND SUBSECTION A OF MMC 13.08.275 IN ORDER TO EXEMPT TRANSITIONAL HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS FROM WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY RESERVE CAPACITY CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Washington State Constitution and sound public policy supports the involvement of local government in programs that assist the poor and inform, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that transitional shelters for the homeless that focus upon enabling the homeless to support themselves are exceptionally worthwhile programs that merit the financial support of local government, and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted waiver of water system capital improvement and sewer treatment facility reserve capacity charges for transitional homeless shelters operated by public benefit nonprofit corporations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the same exemption should be extended to such facilities operated by government organizations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE as follows:

Section 1. Amended. Subsection A of MMC 13.04.026, Exemption for homeless transitional shelters. is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.026 Exemption for homeless transitional shelters.

A. The capital improvement fees imposed by MMC 13.04.025 shall not apply to transitional housing for homeless persons operated by federal, state, county or municipal agencies or public benefit nonprofit corporations. In order to qualify for this exemption, the transitional housing must focus upon providing counseling, training and/or opportunities to the homeless to enable them to find employment and support themselves. All persons who use the transitional home shall either be homeless individuals, support staff or others

involved in the operations of the shelter. For purposes of this section, homeless persons shall be deemed to be individuals who do not have the resources for a fixed place to sleep at night. Such persons must qualify as "very low-income" individuals as defined in the city of Monroe comprehensive plan.

Section 2. Amended. Subsection A of MMC 13.08.275, Exemption for homeless transitional shelters. is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.08.275 Exemption for homeless transitional shelters.

A. The sewer treatment facility reserve capacity charges imposed by MMC 13.08.270 shall not apply to transitional housing for homeless persons operated by federal, state, county or municipal agencies or public benefit nonprofit corporations. In order to qualify for this exemption, the transitional housing must focus upon providing counseling, training and/or opportunities to the homeless to enable them to find employment and support themselves. All persons who use the transitional home shall either be homeless individuals, support staff or others involved in the operations of the shelter. For purposes of this section, homeless persons shall be deemed to be individuals who do not have the resources for a fixed place to sleep at night. Such persons must qualify as "very low income" individuals as defined in the city of Monroe comprehensive plan.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the amendments to the Monroe Municipal Code adopted 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.

Section 4. 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 26th day of February, 2008.

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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

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Donnetta Walser, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Betty King, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney