



# Joint Statement of Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council

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Requesting the Governor, Washington State Legislature, and State Attorney General to Assist in Providing Clarification of New Law Enforcement Standards and Requirements.

In the 2021 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed numerous law enforcement reform bills. Several of these bills, specifically **Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1054, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1310, and Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5051**, contain ambiguities in how various new standards and requirements are to be interpreted and implemented by local law enforcement.

These ambiguities have created confusion among local law enforcement agencies regarding how to provide public safety services expected by their respective communities and to recruit new officers necessary to provide such services. Legislative action to eliminate these ambiguities, and/or a timely Attorney General’s Opinion providing guidance on the interpretation and implementation of these new requirements would enhance the ability of local law enforcement to provide essential public safety services.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and City Council of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby respectfully request:

1. Governor Inslee call a special session of the legislature to address problems and clarify ambiguities in the recently passed law enforcement reform bills.
2. Our state legislative delegation to make the same request of the Governor.
3. The State Attorney General to issue a formal Attorney General’s Opinion providing guidance on the interpretation of these police reform bills and to develop and issue model policies for implementing this legislation, as expeditiously as possible.
4. City administration to communicate these urgent requests to our Governor, our state legislative delegation, and the State Attorney General.

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