

**CITY OF MONROE
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
300 W. CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
Thursday, September 21, 2023 - 5:30
PM
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Future Encroachment of Private Property in Downtown Public Right-of-Way
4. Adjourn Meeting (Action Required)

ATTENTION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS: Please contact Matt Black at 704-292-1705, Ext. 6040 to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

Regularly scheduled meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of February, April, June, August and October.

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IN PROGRESS.**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Downtown Advisory Board

VIA: Matthew Black, Downtown Director

DATE: September 21, 2023

FROM: Matthew Black, Downtown Director

SUBJECT: Future Encroachment of Private Property in Downtown Public Right-of-Way

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The City of Monroe is considering new ordinances regarding the potential encroachment of private property within the public right-of-way in downtown

REVIEW

Background:

The downtown area of the City of Monroe has witnessed a significant increase in development and redevelopment projects over recent years. As a result, there is growing interest from property owners to utilize the public right-of-way for various purposes, including outdoor dining, signage, and retail displays.

Current Situation:

We have received multiple requests from property owners and businesses seeking permission to encroach upon the public right-of-way for their commercial activities. These requests include but are not limited to:

Outdoor Dining: Several restaurants and cafes wish to expand their outdoor seating areas onto the sidewalk.

Signage: Businesses want to install signs, awnings, and other promotional materials that extend over the public right-of-way.

Retail Displays: Some retail establishments seek to set up displays and merchandise outside their storefronts.

Balcones: Residential balconies have become an enticing way to attract potential tenants

Issues and Concerns:

Encroachments on the public right-of-way can raise several concerns, including:

Accessibility: Ensuring that sidewalks remain accessible to all pedestrians, including those with disabilities.

Safety: Addressing potential hazards, such as obstructions and trip hazards.

Aesthetics: Maintaining the overall visual appeal and character of the downtown area.

Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring that any encroachments align with local ordinances and regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

City Staff recommends the Downtown Advisory Board make a recommendation to General Services and City Council on future encroachment use of private property in the Downtown Public Right-of-Way.

Attachment(s):