

**ORDINANCE NO. 1179**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON;  
RELATING TO UTILITY RATES; INCREASING THE MONTHLY SEWER  
SERVICE RATE TO BE PAID FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER  
SERVICES; AMENDING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTIONS 13.32.010,  
13.32.015, 13.32.020, AND 13.32.025; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY  
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2010.**

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise sewer service rates and charges to meet the increasing cost of providing sewage collection and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 rate study by Peninsula Financial Consulting recommends these rate increases; Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.32.010(A) of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.10 Sewer Rates.**

A. Effective January 1, 2010, the monthly sewer service rate shall be set at the following amounts:

<b><u>Customer Class</u></b>	<b><u>Customer Base Charge (per month)</u></b>	<b><u>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</u></b>
Residential	\$27.17	\$3.34
Multi-Family Residential (per living unit)	20.91	3.34
Commercial/School	63.42	5.89
Dept. of Corrections	\$8,379	\$3.34

B. Effective January 1, 2011, the monthly sewer service rate shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$31.79	\$3.91
Multi-Family Residential (per living unit)	24.46	3.91
Commercial/School	74.20	6.89
Dept. of Corrections	\$9,803	\$3.91

C. Effective January 1, 2012, the monthly sewer service rate shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	<u>\$34.97</u>	<u>\$4.30</u>
Multi-Family Residential (per living unit)	<u>26.91</u>	<u>4.30</u>
Commercial/School	<u>81.62</u>	<u>7.58</u>
<u>Dept. of Corrections</u>	<u>\$10,783</u>	<u>\$4.30</u>

Section 2. Section 13.32.015 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.015 Sewer Rates – Community Systems.**

A. Effective January 1, 2010, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Shore Crest System	\$8.41 plus \$41.40 /living unit

B. Effective January 1, 2011, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems shall be set at the following amounts:

**Customer  
Class**

**Monthly  
Charge**

Shore Crest System

\$9.84 plus \$48.44 /living unit

C. Effective January 1, 2012, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems shall be set at the following amounts:

**Customer  
Class**

**Monthly  
Charge**

Shore Crest System \$10.82 plus \$53.28 /living unit

Section 3. Section 13.32.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.20 Nonmetered uses.**

A. Effective January 1, 2010, the sewer service charge for each unmetered residential, multi-residential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

**Nonmetered Customer Class**

**Monthly Charge**

Residential

\$49.78 /unit

Multifamily residential

35.70 /living unit

Commercial

\$122.23 /billing unit

B. Effective January 1, 2011, the sewer service charge for each unmetered residential, multi-residential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

**Nonmetered Customer Class**

**Monthly Charge**

Residential

\$58.24 /unit

Multifamily residential

41.77 /living unit

Commercial

\$143.01 /billing unit

C. Effective January 1, 2012, the sewer service charge for each unmetered residential, multi-residential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

**Nonmetered Customer Class**

**Monthly Charge**

Residential

\$64.06 /unit

Multifamily residential

45.95 /living unit

Commercial

\$157.31 /billing unit

Section 4. Section 13.32.025 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.025 Sewer Rates – Community systems using flow meters.**

- A. Effective January 1, 2010, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems basing billing on sewer flow meters shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month) (per ccf)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge</b>
Residential	<u>\$8.41 + \$18.77 /unit</u>	<u>\$3.34</u>
Multi-Family Residential	<u>\$8.41 + \$12.50 unit</u>	<u>\$3.34</u>
Commercial	<u>\$8.41 + \$55.03 /unit</u>	<u>\$5.89</u>

- B. Effective January 1, 2011, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems basing billing on sewer flow meters shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month) (per ccf)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge</b>
Residential	<u>\$9.84 + \$21.96 /unit</u>	<u>\$3.91</u>
Multi-Family Residential	<u>\$9.84 + \$14.63 unit</u>	<u>\$3.91</u>
Commercial	<u>\$9.84 + \$64.39 /unit</u>	<u>\$6.89</u>

- C. Effective January 1, 2012, the monthly sewer service rates for community systems basing billing on sewer flow meters shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month) (per ccf)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge</b>
Residential	<u>\$10.82 + \$24.16 /unit</u>	<u>\$4.30</u>
Multi-Family Residential	<u>\$10.82 + \$16.09/unit</u>	<u>\$4.30</u>
Commercial	<u>\$10.82 + \$70.83 /unit</u>	<u>\$7.58</u>

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is 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, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect January 1, 2010 which shall be at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 23rd day of November, 2009.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

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Mayor Charles L. Hunter

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney

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Angela S. Belbeck

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