

## ORDINANCE NO. 1135

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON INCREASING THE MONTHLY STORM DRAINAGE RATE TO BE PAID TO THE CITY BY OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE PROVISION OF STORM DRAINAGE SERVICES, AMENDING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTION 14.10.050, TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009.

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**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to increase the storm drainage service rates and charges to reflect the increased costs of providing those services and to maintain a viable storm drainage system; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 rate study by Peninsula Financial Consulting recommends this rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rate increase will ensure that adequate revenues are available to meet the National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Citywide Phase 2 program and permitting requirements,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, **ORDAINS** as follows:

Section 1. Section 14.10.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**14.10.050 Service charge rates.** In accordance with the basis for a rate structure set forth in GHMC 14.10.020 and 14.10.030, there is levied upon all developed real property within the boundaries of the utility the following service charges which shall be collected from the owners of such properties:

- A. For all detached single-family residences and mobile homes (one equivalent billing unit), the monthly service charge shall be \$11.12 ~~10.80~~.
- B. Those developed properties that are riparian to the harbor or Puget Sound from which storm and surface waters flow directly into the harbor or Puget Sound, without the aid of any watercourse or natural or artificial drainage facilities, and all developed properties with city-approved detention facilities will be billed at one equivalent billing unit.
- C. Duplexes shall be charged at 1.5 equivalent billing units for the two units.
- D. For all other developed property within the boundaries of the utility, except as set forth in GHMC 14.10.060, the monthly service charge shall be \$11.12 ~~10.80~~ multiplied by the number of equivalent billing units determined by the utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to GHMC 14.10.030.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect January 1, 2009 which shall be at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 3. 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.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular meeting of the council held on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

APPROVED:

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Charles L Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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