

## ORDINANCE NO. 1320

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SEWER UTILITY RATES; REPEALING SECTIONS 13.32.010, 13.32.020, AND 13.32.025, REPLACING WITH NEW RESPECTIVE SECTIONS; AMENDING SUBSECTION 13.32.060(A) AND SECTION 13.32.065; REPEALING SECTION 13.32.070; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the 2015 rate study provided by Peninsula Financial Consulting supports these rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the existing sewer connection agreement as described in Section 13.32.070 has gone unused in more than a decade and is no longer necessary; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.32.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

### **13.32.010 Sewer rates.**

A. Effective August 1, 2015, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$33.57	\$4.13
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	25.83	4.14
Commercial/School	78.35	7.27
Dept. of Corrections	10,352.07	4.13

B. Effective January 1, 2016, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$35.08	\$4.31

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	26.99	4.33
Commercial/School	81.88	7.60
Dept. of Corrections	10,817.92	4.31

C. Effective January 1, 2017, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$36.30	\$4.46
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	27.94	4.48
Commercial/School	84.75	7.87
Dept. of Corrections	11,196.54	4.46

D. Effective January 1, 2018, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$37.57	\$4.62
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	28.92	4.64
Commercial/School	87.71	8.14
Dept. of Corrections	11,588.42	4.62

E. Effective January 1, 2019, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$38.89	\$4.78
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	29.93	4.80
Commercial/School	90.78	8.43
Dept. of Corrections	11,994.02	4.78

F. Effective January 1, 2020, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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	\$40.25	\$4.95
Multifamily residential (per living unit)	30.98	4.97
Commercial/School	93.96	8.72
Dept. of Corrections	12,413.81	4.95

G. The commodity charge shall be based upon using the winter months (November through March) as a maximum base usage for billing purposes for the entire year.

Section 2. Section 13.32.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

**13.32.020 Nonmetered uses.**

A. Effective August 1, 2015, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$61.50/unit
Multifamily residential	44.11/living unit
Commercial	151.02/billing unit

B. Effective January 1, 2016, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$64.27/unit
Multifamily residential	46.09/living unit
Commercial	157.82/billing unit

C. Effective January 1, 2017, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$66.51/unit
Multifamily residential	47.71/living unit
Commercial	163.34/billing unit

D. Effective January 1, 2018, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$68.84/unit
Multifamily residential	49.38/living unit
Commercial	169.06/billing unit

E. Effective January 1, 2019, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$71.25/unit
Multifamily residential	51.11/living unit
Commercial	174.98/billing unit

F. Effective January 1, 2020, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for each unmetered residential, multiresidential, or commercial facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	\$73.75/unit
Multifamily residential	52.89/living unit
Commercial	181.10/billing unit

Section 3. Section 13.32.025 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

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

A. Effective August 1, 2015, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$10.39 + \$23.20/unit	\$4.13
Multifamily residential	\$10.39 + \$15.45/unit	4.13
Commercial	\$10.39 + \$74.02/unit	7.27

B. Effective January 1, 2016, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$10.85 + \$24.24/unit	\$4.31
Multifamily residential	\$10.85 + \$16.14/unit	4.31
Commercial	\$10.85 + \$77.35/unit	7.60

C. Effective January 1, 2017, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$11.23 + \$25.09/unit	\$4.46
Multifamily residential	\$11.23 + \$16.71/unit	4.46
Commercial	\$11.23 + \$80.06/unit	7.87

D. Effective January 1, 2018, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$11.63 + \$25.97/unit	\$4.62
Multifamily residential	\$11.63 + \$17.29/unit	4.62
Commercial	\$11.63 + \$82.86/unit	8.14

E. Effective January 1, 2019, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax 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)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>
Residential	\$12.03 + \$26.88/unit	\$4.78
Multifamily residential	\$12.03 + \$17.89/unit	4.78
Commercial	\$12.03 + \$85.76/unit	8.43

F. Effective January 1, 2020, the monthly sewer service rates not including state and city sales tax for community systems basing billing on sewer flow meters shall be set at the following amounts:

Customer Class	Customer Base Charge (per month)	Commodity Charge (per ccf)
Residential	\$12.46 + \$27.82/unit	\$4.95
Multifamily residential	\$12.46 + \$18.52/unit	4.95
Commercial	\$12.46 + \$88.76/unit	8.72

Section 4. Subsection 13.32.060(A) of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.060(A) Sewer general facilities charges.**

A. The city shall impose a sewer general facilities charge of ~~\$8,540~~ \$9,640 per equivalent residential unit to connect to the sewer system. The sewer general facilities charge for connection to the Shorecrest community septic system is \$13,300 per equivalent residential unit. The sewer general facilities charge for all other sewer connections outside the city limits shall be charged at one and one-half times the standard city rate. Each general facilities charge shall be paid to the City at the time of building permit issuance. Where capacity is increased as outlined in Chapter 19.10 but no building permit is required, each general facilities charge shall be paid at the time capacity is increased.

Section 5. Section 13.32.065 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.065 ~~Connection fees~~ General facilities charges – Changes in class of service or ERU assignment.**

When a change occurs which would place the customer in a different class of service or change the ERU assignment from that on which ~~connection fees~~ general facilities charges have been paid, an additional ~~connection fee~~ general facilities charge shall be charged. The additional ~~fee~~ charge shall be the difference between the ~~connection fee~~ general facilities charge, calculated at the current rates, based on the current class of service and ERU assignment, ~~at the current rates~~, and the ~~connection fee~~ general facilities charge, calculated at the current rates, based on the class of service and ERU assignment on which ~~connection fees~~ general facilities charges have already been paid. The following examples illustrate changes in class of service or ERU assignment:

- A. A residence adding an additional dwelling unit would change from the single-family dwelling class with one ERU to the multifamily dwelling class with two ERUs;
- B. An elementary school's population increasing by 54 students would increase its ERU assignment by one;
- C. A "quality restaurant" adding 16 additional seats would increase its ERU assignment by two;

D. A commercial property adding 4,800 square feet additional floor space would increase its ERU assignment by three.


Section 6. Section 13.32.070 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be 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 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect August 1, 2015, which is at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title. For developments with a complete building permit submitted prior to August 1, 2015, the general facilities charge amendments in Section 4 of this ordinance shall not apply and instead the general facility charges required by Ordinance 1235 shall apply.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 13th day of July 2015.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

  
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Mayor Jill Guernsey

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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