

## ORDINANCE NO. 1124

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SEWER CONNECTION AND GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES (“GFC”) (WHICH ARE DIFFERENT TERMS FOR THE SAME CHARGE), INCREASING THE SEWER GFC CHARGE TO BE PAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AT THE TIME OF CONNECTION WITH THE CITY’S WATER UTILITY SYSTEM, CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY’S RECENTLY ADOPTED STUDY ON SEWER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.32.060.**

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WHEREAS, the City has recently commissioned a study to be made of its water facility system, in order to analyze the basis for the existing Sewer General Facilities Charge (GFC) (also known as the “sewer connection fee” or “hook-up fee”); and

WHEREAS, the Sewer GFC was last reviewed and recalculated on May 13, 2002; and

WHEREAS, this study, titled the 2007 GFC and Rate Study, performed by Peninsula Financial Consulting, provided the data for the Council’s review of the existing GFC rates in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City’s SEPA Responsible Official has determined that this ordinance is categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(20); and

WHEREAS, the 2007 GFC and Rate Study demonstrated that an increase in the sewer GFC’s rates was warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the water GFC rate increase proposed by this ordinance on January 28, 2008, Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 13.32.060 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.32.060 Connection fees Sewer General Facilities Charges.**

A. The city shall impose ~~a~~ the following connection fees Sewer General Facilities Charge of \$8,540 per equivalent residential unit to connect to the sewer system:

1. ~~Zone A includes all properties which participated in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 1 (ULID No. 1), as described in Ordinance 169 establishing ULID No. 1. The connection fee General Facilities Charge for Zone A is \$3,250~~ per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

2. ~~Zone B includes all properties which participated in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 2 (ULID No. 2), as described in Ordinance 515 establishing ULID No. 2. The connection fee General Facilities Charge for Zone B is \$3,070~~ per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

3. ~~Zone C includes all property participating in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 3 (ULID No. 3), as described in Ordinance 617 establishing ULID No. 3 and additional property within Canterwood Subdivision Divisions 4 through 12 which is included in Canterwood's sewer capacity/utility extension agreement but not specifically included in ULID No. 3. The connection fee General Facilities Charge for Zone C is \$3,050~~ per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

4. ~~The connection fee General Facilities Charge for all property not described in the above zones to which sewer service is extended is \$3,390 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).~~

B. The method/formula for determining the basic ~~hook-up charge~~ General Facilities Charge adjustment shall be: ~~(basic hook-up charge GFC/ERU) (number of ERUs) = total hook-up charge GFC~~. The below assignment of equivalent residential units (ERUs) to classes of service shall be used. The ERU assignment shall be applied on a proportionate basis.

<b>Class of Service</b>	<b>ERU Assignment</b>
Residential	
1. Single-family dwelling	1 ERU
2. Multifamily dwelling	1 ERU per dwelling
3. Trailer courts,	
a) permanent mobile home parks	1 ERU per rental space provided sewer service
b) transient RV parks	0.33 ERU per RV site provided sewer service
4. Bed and breakfast	1 ERU, plus 1 ERU per 5 rental rooms
5. Home business (residential)	1 ERU

primary use)	
Non-residential	
6. High schools, junior high schools and community colleges	1 ERU per 24 students
7. Elementary schools, preschools, day care	1 ERU per 54 students
8. Churches	1 ERU per 150 seats
- if parsonage	1 ERU additional
- if weekday child care or church school	1 ERU per 54 students additional
9. Hospitals – General	1 ERU per bed
10. Convalescent/rest homes	1 ERU per 2 beds
11. Hotels, motels	1 ERU per 2 rooms
- if quality restaurant	1 ERU per 8 seats additional
12. Quality restaurants	1 ERU per 8 seats
13. Fast food	1 ERU per 9 seats
14. Tavern	1 ERU per 15 seats
15. Service stations (without car wash)	2 ERUs
16. Car wash	
- Wand	1.5 ERUs per stall
- Rollover	7.0 ERUs
- Tunnel	7.5 ERUs
17. Laundromats	1 ERU per machine or actual or projected flow calculations approved by the city engineer. See subsection D of this section for more information about actual and projected flows.
18. Commercial (commercial shall include all classes not otherwise included in this table)	1 ERU per 1,600 sq. ft. or less of interior floor space. For commercial establishments in excess of 1,600 sq. ft. of interior floor space, the city may use actual or projected flow calculations approved by the city engineer. See subsection D of this section for more information about actual and projected flows.

(Commercial shall include all classes not otherwise included on this table.)

For commercial establishments in excess of 1,600 square feet of interior floor space, the city may use actual or projected flow calculations approved by the city engineer; provided, however, the minimum ~~connection fee~~ General Facilities Charge shall not be less than one equivalent residential unit. If projected flow calculations are used, the ~~connection fee~~ General Facilities Charge shall be adjusted after the first year of operation of the establishment to reflect actual flow usage in the event the flows were underestimated.

19.	Light industrial waste with a) 30 lbs to 200 lbs of S.S. per day, or b) 30 lbs to 200 lbs of BOD per	Based on projected average monthly flows during peak season – 700 cu. ft. If projected flows are unknown then basis is same as Class 16
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	day, and c) less than 10,000 gallons per day	
20.	Heavy industrial waste with more than a) 200 lbs of BOD per day, or b) 200 lbs of S.S. per day, or c) 10,000 gallons or more per day	Same as Class 17 1 ERU per machine.

C. Where seating is on benches or pews, the number of seats shall be computed on the basis of one seat for each 18 inches of bench or pew length.

D. Where actual or projected flows are used, the minimum ~~connection fee~~ General Facilities Charge shall not be less than one equivalent residential unit. If projected flow calculations are used, the ~~connection fee~~ General Facilities Charge shall be adjusted after the first year of operation of the establishment to reflect actual flow usage in the event the flows were underestimated. If projected flow calculations are proposed, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide the engineered water consumption or other information necessary to determine the sewer flow, expressed in gallons per day (GPD).

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the remainder to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance and any increase in the General Facilities Charges adopted in this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and 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 10th day of March, 2008.

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Molly Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol A. Morris, City Attorney

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