

ORDINANCE NO. 1123

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO WATER CONNECTION AND GENERAL FACILITY CHARGES ("GFC") (WHICH ARE DIFFERENT TERMS FOR THE SAME CHARGE), INCREASING THE WATER 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 WATER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.080.

WHEREAS, the City has recently commissioned a study to be made of its water system facilities, in order to analyze the Water General Facilities Charge; and

WHEREAS, the Water General Facilities Charge was last reviewed and set 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 will no longer charge 1.5 times city rates for hook-up outside city limits, 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 water GFC rates was warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the connection fee 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 13.04.080 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.080. Water system ~~hook-up~~ general facility charge.

- A. The City shall charge the following fees to connect to the water utility system:

Meter Size	Capacity Factor(s)	<u>General Facility Charge</u>	
		Hook-up Fee	
3/4"	1.0	\$ 3,740.00	<u>6,180.00</u>
1"	1.67	6,250.00	<u>10,320.00</u>
1-1/2"	3.33	12,450.00	<u>20,580.00</u>
2"	5.33	19,930.00	<u>32,940.00</u>
Over 2"		Negotiable	

- B. Any remodel and/or use change shall pay the difference between the new use and/or size of the previous use and/or size. No refund shall be allowed for use and/or size reduction.

- C. ~~Water system hook-up outside the city limits shall be charged at 1.5 times the city rates.~~

Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date. This ordinance and the increase's in the connection fee's 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.

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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