

## ORDINANCE NO. 1120

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON INCREASING THE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE RATE TO BE PAID FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES; AND AMENDING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTIONS 13.32.010, 13.32.015, 13.32.020, AND 13.32.025 TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008.

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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 2003 rate study by Gray & Osborne recommends these rate increases;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, **DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

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

#### **13.32.10 Sewer Rates.**

A. 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                                   | \$20.55 18.68                                  | \$2.52 2.29                              |
| Multi-Family Residential<br>(per living unit) | 15.81 14.37                                    | 2.52 2.29                                |
| Commercial/School                             | 47.96 43.60                                    | 4.45 4.05                                |
| Dept. of Corrections                          | \$6,336 5,760                                  | \$2.52 2.29                              |

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

**13.32.015 Sewer Rates – Community Systems.** The monthly sewer service rates for community systems shall be set at the following amounts:

| <b>Customer<br/>Class</b> | <b>Monthly<br/>Charge</b>   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Shore Crest System        | <u>\$6.36</u> <u>5.78</u> plus <u>\$31.30</u> <u>28.45</u> /living unit |

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

**13.32.20 Non-metered uses.** Until a water meter has been installed to measure water flow by a residential unit, multi-residential building, or commercial facility, the sewer service charge for each unmetered unit/facility shall be as follows:

| <b><u>Nonmetered Customer Class</u></b> | <b><u>Monthly Charge</u></b>              |
|---|---|
| Residential                             | <u>\$37.64</u> <u>34.22</u> /unit         |
| Multifamily residential                 | <u>26.99</u> <u>24.54</u> /living unit    |
| Commercial                              | <u>\$92.43</u> <u>84.03</u> /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.**

| <b>Customer<br/>Class</b> | <b>Customer<br/>Base Charge<br/>(per month) (per ccf)</b>     | <b>Commodity<br/>Charge</b> |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Residential               | <u>\$6.36</u> <u>5.78</u> + <u>\$14.19</u> <u>12.90</u> /unit | <u>\$2.52</u> <u>2.29</u>   |
| Multi-Family Residential  | <u>\$6.36</u> <u>5.78</u> + <u>\$ 9.45</u> <u>8.59</u> /unit  | <u>\$2.52</u> <u>2.29</u>   |
| Commercial                | <u>\$6.36</u> <u>5.78</u> + <u>\$41.61</u> <u>37.83</u> /unit | <u>\$4.45</u> <u>4.05</u>   |

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**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.** This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect January 1, 2008 which shall be at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

**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 10th day of December, 2007.

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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