

**ORDINANCE NO. 1013**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION  
OF PRENTICE AVENUE, BETWEEN PEACOCK HILL  
AVENUE AND WOODWORTH AVENUE.**

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WHEREAS, the City has the authority to adopt a vacation ordinance to formally remove the cloud on the title of the referenced right-of-way area, but this street vacation ordinance does not affect the rights of anyone, including any rights the public may have acquired in the right-of-way since the street was vacated by operation of law; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Prentice Avenue subject to this vacation request was created in the Plat of the Woodworth's Addition, recorded in the records of Pierce County in 1891; and

WHEREAS, the referenced portion of street right-of-way has never been opened or improved as a public street; and

WHEREAS, the referenced portion of street right-of-way was located in Pierce County during the period of five years prior to 1909, and there is no evidence that it was used as a street during such period; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 644 initiating the procedure for the vacation of the referenced street and setting a hearing date; and

WHEREAS, after the required public notice had been given, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the matter on May 9, 2005, and at the conclusion of such

hearing determined that the aforementioned right-of-way vacated by operation of law and lapse of time; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. The City Council finds that the unopened portion of the platted Prentice Avenue right-of-way, lying between Peacock Hill Avenue and Woodworth Avenue, abutting the northwest property frontage of Lot A of Boundary Line Adjustment No. 200409165003, attached hereto as legally described in Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference and as shown as depicted on Exhibit B, has vacated by lapse of time and operation of law under the Laws of 1889-90, Chapter 19 (Relating to County Roads), Section 32, p. 603, as Amended By Laws of 1909, Chapter 90, Section 1, p. 189, repealed in 1936 by the Washington State Aid Highway Act (Laws of 1936, Chapter 187, p. 760). .

Section 2. The City has the authority to adopt a vacation ordinance to formally remove the cloud on the title of the referenced right-of-way area, but this street vacation ordinance does not affect the rights of anyone, including any rights the public may have acquired in the right-of-way since the street was vacated by operation of law.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance with the office of the Pierce County Auditor.

Section 4. The City has an easement over, under and through the street as generally depicted on Exhibit B. The City shall retain its existing easement in the street

for the purpose of maintaining, operating, repairing and replacing the sewer utilities in place.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect five days after passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

By:

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Gretchen Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol A. Morris

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 8/17/05  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 9/12/05  
PUBLISHED: 9/21/05  
EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/26/05

## Exhibit A

## Exhibit B