

## **ORDINANCE NO. 1012**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, CHANGING THE MANNER IN WHICH EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS ARE ASSIGNED TO LAUNDROMATS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE SEWER CONNECTION FEE, AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.32.060.**

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WHEREAS, the City assigns equivalent residential units (ERUs) to the different classes of sewer service in order to determine the sewer connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the City received a request from Jody and Carmen McNamer, (ZONE 05-772) to amend Section 13.32.060(B)(17) of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code with regards to the assignment of equivalent residential units for Laundromats; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer reviewed the McNamer amendment request and concurred that the current method for assignment of equivalent residential units for laundromats should consider the efficiency of modern commercial laundry machines; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has determined that allowing for actual or projected flow calculations when calculating the assignment of equivalent residential units for laundromats is a more appropriate method for determining sewer connection fees for laundromats; 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 City Council considered this ordinance during regular meetings on August 22 and September 12, 2005, 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.**

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

***Class of Service***

***ERU Assignment***

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| 17. Laundromats   | 1 ERU per machine <u>or actual or projected flow calculations approved by the city engineer. See subsection D below for more information about actual and projected flows.</u>   |
| 18. Commercial <u>(commercial shall include all classes not otherwise included in this table.</u> | 1 ERU per 1600 sq. ft. or less of interior floor space. <u>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. See subsection D below for more information about actual and projected flows.</u> |

(Commercial shall include all classes not otherwise included in 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 shall not be less than one equivalent residential unit. If projected flow calculations are used, the connection fee shall be

adjusted after the first year of operation of the establishment to reflect actual flow usage in the event the flows were underestimated.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Heavy industrial waste Same as Class 17~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ with more than \_\_\_\_\_ 1 ERU per machine~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 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~~

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~~\_\_\_\_\_ 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 shall not be less than one equivalent residential unit. If projected flow calculations are used, the connection fee 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 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 3. Effective Date. 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 12th day of September, 2005.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

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GRETCHEN WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

By: 

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MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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CAROL A. MORRIS

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 8/27/05  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 9/12/05  
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