

ORDINANCE NO. 1356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 18.10.050 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE FEMA REQUIRED FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND RELATED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP USED AS THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires the adoption of floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d) and (e) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has prepared a scientific and engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study for Pierce County, and Incorporated Areas" dated March 7, 2017 with an accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM); and

WHEREAS, the city of Gig Harbor must adopt floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements by March 7, 2017 to avoid suspension from the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.16.031 and 86.16.041 the Department of Ecology has the authority to review and approve county and city floodplain management ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Ecology reviewed the city's existing floodplain ordinance set forth in GHMC Chapter 18.10 and determined the adoption of the March 7, 2017 FEMA Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM is necessary in order for the city to be compliant with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and State Floodplain Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council desires to update Chapter 18.10 GHMC to remain in compliance with federal and state floodplain standards as identified by Ecology's review; and,

WHEREAS, because the Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM must be adopted and effective by March 7, 2017 in order for the city to remain compliant with federal requirements for participation in the NFIP, and insufficient time exists between the scheduled Final Reading of Ordinance and adoption date and its effective date five days from publication in the city's official newspaper, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that an emergency exists which necessitates that this ordinance become effective on its adoption date to maintain participation in the NFIP; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 18.10.050. - Amended. Section 18.10.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

18.10.050 General provisions.

A.

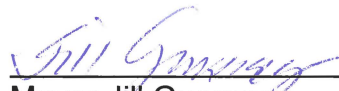
B. Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard. The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Insurance Administration in a scientific and engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study for Pierce County, and Incorporated Areas, dated March 7, 2017 and any revisions thereto, with an accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated March 7, 2017, and any revisions thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. The flood insurance study and the FIRM are on file at the Gig Harbor Civic Center, 3510 Grandview St., Gig Harbor, WA 98335. The best available information for flood hazard area identification as outlined in GHMC 18.10.060 shall be the basis for regulation until a new FIRM is issued that incorporates data utilized under GHMC 18.10.060.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its adoption.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 27th day of February, 2017.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR



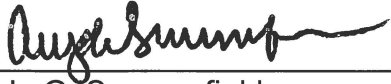
Mayor Jill Guernsey

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

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Angela G. Summerfield

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