

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

ORDINANCE NO. 638

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM DRAINAGE UTILITY: PROVIDING CHANGES TO THE STORM DRAINAGE RATES AND CHARGES AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the storm drainage service rates and charges to reflect the increased costs of providing those services and to maintain a viable storm drainage system;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, **ORDAINS** as follows:

Section 1. Section 14.10.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.10.050 Service charge rates. In accordance with the basis for a rate structure set forth in Sections 14.10.020 and 14.10.030 of this chapter, there is levied upon all developed real property within the boundaries of the utility the following service charges which shall be collected from the owners of such properties:

- A. For all detached single-family residences and mobile homes (one equivalent billing unit), the monthly service charge shall be three dollars and forty-three cents (\$3.43).
- B. Those developed properties that are riparian to the harbor or Puget Sound from which storm and surface waters flow directly into the harbor or Puget Sound, without the aid of any watercourse or natural or artificial drainage facilities, and all developed properties with city-approved detention facilities will be billed at one equivalent billing unit.
- C. Duplexes shall be charged at 1.5 equivalent billing units for the two units.
- D. For all other developed property within the boundaries of the utility, except as set forth in Section 14.10.060 of this chapter, the monthly service charge shall be three dollars and forty-three cents (\$3.43) multiplied by the number of equivalent billing units determined by the utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to Section 14.10.030 of this chapter.

Section 2. Section 14.10.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.10.070 Collection.

- A. All service charges, system development charges and all other fees or charges hereafter established by the city council by ordinance shall be deemed to be levied upon the premises themselves.
- B. The city shall have a lien for all delinquent and unpaid charges and fees for storm drainage purposes, including without limitation service charges and system development charges assessed against all premises to which service was furnished, which lien shall have the superiority established by RCW 35.67.200 and shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in RCW 35.67.220 et seq.
- C. As an additional and concurrent method of enforcing its lien upon any premises for delinquent storm drainage charges, the utility is authorized, in accordance with law and in the manner provided by this code to stop providing water service to such premises for so long as any delinquent fees or charges remain unpaid.
- D. Storm drainage service charges shall be deemed delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days following the billing date. Interest at the rate of eight percent per annum shall be charged on all delinquent service charges and late charges.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force with the utility billings issued after January 1, 1993.

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 23rd day of November, 1992.

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Mark E. Hoppen
City Administrator/Clerk

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