

ORDINANCE NO. 36

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND OPERATING RULES FOR THE WATER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE TOWN OF GIG HARBOR, AND PROHIBITING THE TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIG HARBOR AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. WATER RATES:

That the following minimum monthly water rates, based upon the size of the service are hereby established, to-wit:

Size of Service	Minimum rate	Amount supplied for Minimum
5/8"	\$3.00	1,000 cu. ft.
1"	\$4.50	1,500 cu. ft.
1 1/2"	\$6.00	2,000 cu. ft.
2"	\$9.00	3,000 cu. ft.
4"	\$36.00	12,000 cu. ft.

For the next 1,000 cubic feet: 20¢ for each 100 cubic feet, or major fraction thereof.

All water in excess of the amounts above specified: 15¢ for each 100 cubic feet, or major fraction thereof.

In addition to the rates above specified there shall be a surcharge of 75¢ per month for each individual water service outside the corporate limits of the Town of Gig Harbor. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Town of Gig Harbor, in so far as all future connections are concerned, not to furnish water to individual users who reside outside the corporate limits of the Town of Gig Harbor.

A special rate shall be in effect in those instances where water is not actually used upon the premises but is only available for purposes of affording fire protection. Said rate shall be as follows: As a standby charge only, without regard to size of service, where no water is used, \$3.00 per month. In the event water is used from such a meter in any particular month, the regular rates shall be charged for that particular month.

A special rate shall be in effect for multiple unit dwellings, hotels and apartments, and the minimum monthly rates shall be as follows:

In addition to the regular minimum rate the minimum shall be increased as follows: \$2.25 for the second dwelling unit or room, \$1.50 for the third dwelling unit or room, and 75¢ for all dwelling units or rooms over three. For water furnished in excess of the minimum amounts above specified the usual rates shall apply.

Said special rates shall be put into effect at the discretion of the Water Superintendent subject to approval of the Town Council, and it is hereby declared as a matter of policy that in all cases where practicable each individual user shall be served through a separate meter.

Section 2. SERVICE CONNECTION FEES:

The established service connection fees for the Town of Gig Harbor shall be as follows:

Size of service	Service Connection fee
5/8"	\$60.00
1"	\$92.00
1 1/2"	\$141.00
2"	\$205.00
4"	to be established by negotiation

The above service connection fees shall apply in those instances in which the water main is available for said service connection upon either side of the street in front of the property to be serviced, and an additional fee shall be charged where an extension of the main is desired by the prospective user of water.

Section 3. OFF AND ON FEES:

In the event the householder shall request that the water service be turned off, or in the event said water service shall be turned off due to the failure of the user to pay a water bill, the fee for said service shall be \$3.00; fee for turning water on shall be \$1.00.

Section 4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER BILLS:

All bills for water service furnished to any premises shall be a lien against said premises and the primary responsibility for their payment shall remain with the owner of the property upon which said premises are located.

Section 5. TAMPERING WITH METERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, willfully damage, turn on or off or attempt to change the rate of recording of any water meter without the authority of the Water Superintendent, or to tamper with or damage fire hydrants, valves, water tanks or any other appurtenances of the Water System of the Town of Gig Harbor, and any person so doing shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 or to confinement in the Town jail for a period of not to exceed 30 days, or both.

Section 6. CONSTITUTIONALITY:

In the event that any section or portion of any section of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of said Ordinance.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon and after midnight of the 31st day of December, 1953.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor on this _____ day of December, 1953.

TOWN OF GIG HARBOR

Harold H. Ryan
Mayor

Eugene A. Pearson
Clerk