

TOWN OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 196

AN ORDINANCE of the Town of Gig Harbor relating to the municipal water system of the Town; establishing connection and other charges; providing regulations relating to that system and the use thereof.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN, as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definition of Terms

Section 1.01. Building and/or Residence. "Building and/or Residence" shall mean any structure which is designed for human occupancy and has one or more sinks and/or showers, and/or bathing facilities, and/or laundry facilities, and/or toilets, or which receives water from the Town.

Section 1.02. Town. "Town" shall mean the Town of Gig Harbor.

Section 1.03. Town Clerk. "Town Clerk" shall mean the Clerk of the Town of Gig Harbor and any deputies acting on behalf of the Town Clerk.

Section 1.04. Connection Charges. "Connection Charges" shall mean the charges imposed by the Town for connecting any water service line to a public water main of the Town.

Section 1.05. Multiple Residence Building. "Multiple Residence Building" shall mean a dwelling containing more than one family and having a kitchen and a bath for each family.

Section 1.06. Public Water Main. "Public Water Main" of the Town shall mean any portion of the water mains or lines owned or operated by the Town.

Section 1.07. Water Connection Permit. "Water Connection Permit" shall mean the permit issued by the Town to allow the connection of a water service line to a public water main.

Section 1.08. Water Service. "Water Service" shall mean the furnishing of water through the public water mains to customers connected with water service lines.

Section 1.09. Water Service Lines. "Water Service Lines" are lines connected to the public water mains through a water meter serving water to property. Such water service lines from the meter to the property, building or structure being served shall not be the property of the Town.

Section 1.10. Water Service Rates. "Water Service Rates" shall mean the monthly charges imposed by the Town for the use of consumption of water from the municipal water utility of the Town.

Section 1.11. Shall-May. "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

ARTICLE II

Water Connections, Meters, Charges

Section 2.01. Application Required, Connections. Any person desiring to have premises connected with the water supply system of the Town shall make application at the office of the Town Clerk on the printed forms furnished for that purpose. Every such application shall be made by the owner of the property to be furnished or by his authorized agent. The applicant must state fully the purposes for which the water may be required. Applicant must agree to conform to the regulations and rules concerning the use of water as they may be established from time to time and further agree that the Town shall have the right at any time, without notice, to shut off the water supply for repairs, extensions, nonpayment of rates and charges, or for any other reason, and that the Town shall not be responsible for any damage, caused by the breaking, bursting, or collapsing of any boilers, pipes or fixtures, or by the stoppage or interruption of the water supply, or any damage whatever resulting directly or indirectly from the shutting off of the water.

Section 2.02. Water Service Applications - Form. Application for the use of water shall be substantially in the following form:

TOWN OF GIG HARBOR
WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

Date _____

"Application is hereby made by the undersigned property owner for all water service required or used for any purpose at _____ in or near Gig Harbor, Washington, for which I agree to pay in advance and in accordance with existing ordinances and regulations of the City, the following estimated charges, the exact charges will be determined and payable immediately upon completion of the installation:

Engineering Fees	\$ _____
Water Main Extension	\$ _____
Fire Hydrant Installation	\$ _____
Street Repairs	\$ _____
Tap-In Charges	\$ _____
Water Service Connection Charge (including Meter)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

I further agree that all rates and charges for water service to the above property shall be paid in accordance with the now existing ordinances and regulations of the Town, or any ordinances and regulations passed hereafter.

"I hereby authorize the following tenant, _____, to have all accounts for water kept in his name at the above address under Account No. _____ with the understanding that water bills mailed to that tenant shall not relieve the property from liability for water charges incurred.

"I understand that the Town will use all reasonable effort to maintain uninterrupted service, but reserves the right to shut off the water at any time without notice for repairs, extensions, nonpayment of rates or any other reason and assumes no liability for any damage as a result of interruption of service from any cause whatsoever.

Owner

Address"

After the applicant has paid the proper fees to cover all estimated hook-up charges, and having filled out and filed the water service application, the Superintendent shall cause the proper taps, valves and meters to be installed to bring the water service to that person's property at such location as the applicant shall designate, subject to section (d), as soon as reasonable possible to do so.

Section 2.03. Charges. Charges for engineering, water main extensions, fire hydrant installation and street repairs shall be made where such costs are incurred beyond the normal connection requiring no design, street breakage, main extension, fire hydrant installation, or the like. The amounts of such charges shall be estimated at the time of filing of the application. Thereafter prior to commencing the water service, the actual costs shall be determined and payment or reimbursement, as the case may be, shall then be made.

The following charges are hereby fixed:

(a) For each new service with a 3/4 inch meter:

Tap-In Charge	\$25.00
Water Service Connection Charge (including meter)	90.00

(b) For any connection or meter over a 3/4 inch service:

New services: Actual cost plus 15%, but less than \$145.00

Section 2.04. Regulations pertaining to new service or reinstalled services. All new water service connections and all water service which is reinstalled or reconnected after disconnection shall be subject to the following requirements:

(a) Tap size determination. The Superintendent may determine the size of tap to be inserted into any water main and the size of service pipe under any application or permit, but no service shall be less than 3/4" in diameter.

(b) Pipe standards. No water will be furnished on premises where the supply pipe is of black iron, or material which is not capable of withstanding 125 pounds pressure, or other material classified as substandard by the Superintendent.

(c) Connection location. A connection to a public main must be made on the same lot that is occupied in whole or in part by a building. Service pipes from a customer's line shall not be run to other lots. Private water pipes shall not run across alleys or streets.

(d) Service pipe installation - Town control. When a permit has been obtained for the installation of water, the Superintendent, if there is a Town water main abutting the property, shall cause to be installed a service pipe from the main to the property line, including a stop cock, meter and meter box, which connections thereafter shall be maintained by and kept within the exclusive control of the Town.

ARTICLE III

Water Service Charges

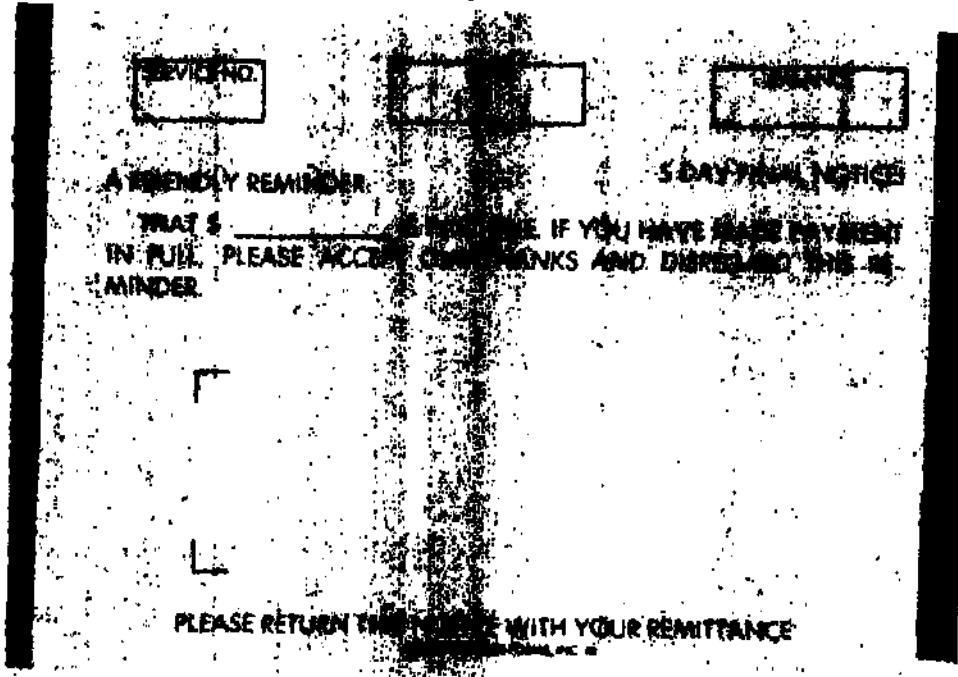
Section 3.01. Water service charges. The rates for water service charges shall be designated by a separate ordinance enacted by the Council specifically for this purpose.

ARTICLE IV

Miscellaneous

Section 4.01. Discontinuance of water service. Should the owner of any premises desire to discontinue the use of water supplied any premises, he shall give the Town notice in writing and pay in full all outstanding charges on his account at the office of the Clerk. The water shall then be shut off and upon proper application will be turned on again upon the payment of \$3.00. Future water charges shall not cease without the notice herein prescribed.

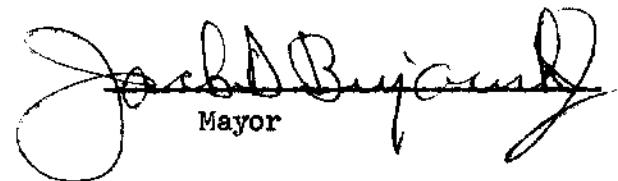
Section 4.02. Water shutoff for nonpayment of water bills. In the event that any billing for water service or other water charge has not been paid within 115 days of billing, the Town Clerk shall send a notice to the property owners which shall read substantially as follows:



If such water service is shut off, it may be turned on again by the Town after full payment is made for all charges to date, plus penalties, interest and the turn-on charge provided in Section 4.01.

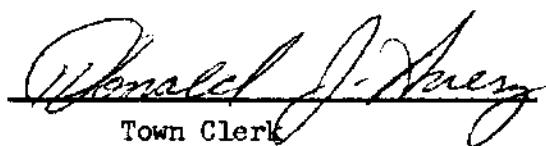
Section 4.03. Wasting Water. It shall be unlawful for any person to waste water by knowingly or willfully neglecting to repair any breaks, leakage, or other defective equipment or by failure to shut off any tap thereby wasting water on premises within their control. Persons so notified of defective equipment by a representative of the Town shall repair same within twenty-four hours. Failure to do so shall be a violation of this ordinance. The Town shall have the authority to terminate that person's water service immediately until the leakage or wastage shall be corrected. At reasonable times of the day, the Town of Gig Harbor shall have the right for its authorized representative to enter premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not water is being wasted excessively. Failure to grant permission to enter for this determination shall subject that person to have water service suspended.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Gig Harbor and APPROVED by the Mayor at a regular open public meeting thereof this 10 day of June 1974.



Jacob B. Bryant
Mayor

ATTEST:



Donald J. Harey
Town Clerk

FORM APPROVED:

Town Attorney