

ORDINANCE NO. 250

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 SECTION 80  
SUB-SECTION .020 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL  
CODE.

Chapter 17.80.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code  
is amended to read as follows:

17.80.020 Definitions. A. "Announcement sign" means a temporary sign to announce temporary service or goods. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed two square feet. There shall be no more than one sign per lot with a maximum display time of seven days per service or goods offered per year.

B. "Building sign" means a sign or cutout letters attached flat to the side surface of the building and not extending out from the side of said building more than six inches. No building sign shall extend over the top roof line of the building to which it is attached. The total area of the sign on its face shall not exceed one hundred square feet. Printing on a canopy or awning shall be considered as a building sign.

C. "City entrance sign" means a sign erected to identify the town, population, public services and civic organizations and information to the general traveling public. The sign shall be noncommercial and contain no advertising. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed twelve square feet and the height from the ground at the base of the sign to the top of the sign shall not exceed eight feet.

D. "Construction sign" means a sign to identify future buildings plans. It may be put up only after a building permit has been obtained. There shall be only one sign per construction site. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed one hundred square feet and the height from the ground at the base of the sign to the top of the sign shall not exceed eight feet.

E. "Courtesy display panel sign" means a display sign for pedestrian viewing only to show credit cards accepted, menus, redemption stamps, bus schedules and community events. The items must be located together, either as a sign attached flat to the side of the building or affixed in a group in the window taking up a total area of no more than six square feet.

F. "Directional sign" means a sign to provide direction to public services such as off-street parking, public telephone, business district and parks. The sign shall be noncommercial and contain no advertising. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed six square feet, and the distance

H. "Free standing signs" means a sign where the sign surface is elevated from the ground level by one or two support poles and is not attached to a building or structure. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed fifty square feet and the distance from the ground at the base of the sign to the top of the sign surface shall not exceed fifteen feet.

I. "Gas station price signs" means a sign advertising the price of automobile fuel. Only one sign structure per station is allowed and it must be placed on the station lot so as not to obstruct motorist vision of the road and station. The sign shall have a maximum of thirty square feet total area on all sides and shall have a maximum height from the ground of five feet.

J. "Institutional signs" means a sign to permit the identification of educational civic and religious institutions. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed eighteen square feet and the top of the sign shall not be higher than six feet from the ground level at the base.

K. "Lot identification signs" means a sign to identify the occupants of the premises. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed:

1. Two square feet for one or two family dwelling;
2. Two square feet per dwelling unit for three family or more complex; not to exceed a maximum of eighteen square feet;
3. Eighteen square feet for nonresidential uses.

L. "Low profile planter sign" means a sign of low profile, rectangular in shape, set on a base of concrete or stone surrounded by plantings. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed thirty-six square feet and the distance from the base of the sign to the top shall not exceed six feet.

M. "Neighborhood identification sign" means a permanent sign to identify a particular residential area of at least ten acres in size. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed twelve square feet and the height from the ground at the base of the sign to the top of the sign shall not exceed six feet.

N. "Nonpolitical campaign sign" means a temporary sign for civic, religious or other fund drives or events. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed thirty-six square feet and the distance from the ground level at the base of the sign to the top of the sign shall not exceed four feet. The sign may be up for only one month per year.

O. "Painted on building sign" means a sign giving only the name of the business painted on the side surface wall of

candidate for political office. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed thirty-six square feet and the distance from the ground level at the base of the sign to the top of the sign shall not exceed four feet. All such signs shall be removed not later than five days after the election. The candidate whose name appears on the sign shall be responsible.

R. "Real estate sign" means a sign to advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises. It must be located on the lot which is for sale, rent or lease. The total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed fifty square feet and the distance from the ground at the base of the sign to the top of the sign surface shall not exceed six feet.

S. "Symbol sign" means a sign with no words, only picture symbols. The sign may be attached flat to a building surface or project out from the building no more than two feet and the total area of the sign on all its faces shall not exceed eight square feet.

T. "Temporary signs for promotional events" means signs and banners or pennants of a temporary nature used only to promote special commercial activities such as clearance sales, grand openings or new models. They shall be permitted only for one continuous thirty-one day period or four seven day periods each year for a building no matter how many occupancies.

U. "Motorist service directional sign" means a sign erected to provide direction to a business designated under Washington State Highway Commission rules WAC 252-42-040 Business Eligibility as a qualified motorist service activity furnishing tourist service to the motoring public traveling over primary highway State Route 16. All such signs shall remain displayed only so long as such business designated thereon has a valid annual permit issued by the Washington State Highway Commission in accordance with WAC 252-42-060 Permits and Procedures. Signs shall be constructed of a single piece of 0.080 inch thick aluminum, and shall be fully reflectorized to show the same shape and color both by day and night. The colors of said signs shall conform to the specifications of WAC 252-42-050 Signing Details, (2) Color of Panels and Signs. Whenever possible, directional information pertaining to two or more motorist service activities shall be combined on the same sign panel. The height to the top of the sign shall not exceed eight feet. The minimum dimensions for a sign listing only one activity shall be 6-3/4 inches (vertical) by 18 inches (horizontal) and the spacing of the sign face shall be as follows:

(a) one-half inch wide border;

(b) five-eights inch space between border and top of letters in first row designating motorist service activity;

(c) two inch (vertical) letters designating

service activity measured in tenths of one mile  
(e.g.,  1.2 MI.);

(f) five-eights inch space between bottom row and top of sign's bottom border;

(g) one-half inch wide border;

The vertical dimension of a sign panel listing two or more motorist service activities shall be increased by repeating items (c), (d) and (e) for each additional activity. The horizontal dimension in all cases shall remain the same. Before placement of any qualified motorist service directional sign(s), the specific location(s), height and setback from the traveled right-of-way shall be approved by the Town of Gig Harbor Building Inspector.

(Ord. 109D §2, 1974: Ord. 109A (part), 1968).

PASSED at a regular meeting of the Town Council held on the 9 day of May, 1977.

  
JACK D. BUJACICH, JR. Mayor

Attest:

  
DONALD J. AVERY Clerk