

ORDINANCE No. 352

An Ordinance of the Town of Gig Harbor Council, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the Town of Gig Harbor at a special election to be held therein on November 6, 1979, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date of a proposition authorizing the levy of a general tax on taxable property within the Town of Gig Harbor in the sum of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation (based upon an assessment ratio of 100% of true and fair value), to be collected each year for six consecutive years starting in 1980, and to provide funds required for capital expenditures and maintenance and operations expenditures essential for fire district emergency medical service needs.

WHEREAS, the state legislature passed Substitute House Bill No. 1239 during its regular session, allowing taxing Districts to impose an additional regular tax in an amount equal to \$.25 or less per thousand dollars of assessed value of property for emergency medical services, and;

WHEREAS, it is the judgement of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District it is essential and necessary in order to prevent the impairment of Emergency Medical Services enumerated hereafter be provided by the District, necessitating the expenditures of revenues of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, morale, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Gig Harbor to assist and participate in funding of said emergency medical service, and;

WHEREAS, this \$.25 per \$1,000.00 levy is to be in addition to the regular levy for fire protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Gig Harbor Council as follows:

Section 1: To improve and preserve existing emergency medical services; to assist with personnel needs, and to meet emergency medical needs arising from growth within the community served by the District; to maintain the District's emergency medical equipment in a workable and efficient condition, and allow for future capital costs, and to maintain basic emergency medical services and equipment at present levels in keeping with the effects of inflationary costs, the District requires funds for future capital expenditures and maintenance and operation needs for Emergency Medical Services.

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Section 2: To produce revenues to support the costs attributable to providing emergency medical services as described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure continuation of these services, the Town of Gig Harbor shall levy in 1979 and collect each year for six years beginning in 1980, a general tax on taxable property within the Town of Gig Harbor, for capital expenditures and maintenance and operation costs, in the amount of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of the true and fair assessed valuation of the Town of Gig Harbor and said revenues produced and collected shall be contributed to the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 for provision of emergency medical service to the citizens of the Town of Gig Harbor.

Section 3: There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town of Gig Harbor for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on November 6, 1979, in conjunction with the State's general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for capital expenditures and maintenance and operations shall be made. The Town of Gig Harbor Council hereby declare that the Auditor of Pierce County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election, and to submit the following proposition at the same election, in the form of a ballot titled substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

Town of Gig Harbor - Regular Property Tax Levy

For Emergency Medical Services

Shall the Town of Gig Harbor be authorized to levy in 1979 a regular property tax of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be collected in 1980 and for each year for the next six consecutive years to produce revenues which shall be contributed to the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 for provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of the Town of Gig Harbor if, and only if, an identical levy is authorized to be collected by the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5

Tax Levy Yes _____

Tax Levy No _____

Adopted by the Town of Gig Harbor Council, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular public meeting thereof this 8 day of July, 1979.

Don Avery
Attest: Don Avery
Town Clerk

Ruth M. Bogue
RUTH M. BOGUE, Mayor