

ORDINANCE NO. 406

AN ORDINANCE relating to Sewer Service charges: amending Section 2 of the Municipal Sewer System Ordinance (No. 389) to replace an obsolete reference therein and to add a provision.

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that it is cost-ineffective to computer program and administer an interest rate based on a one year period; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council concluded that a payment period of 30 days does not allow efficient billing of utility accounts; and,

WHEREAS, the Council determined that a standby charge is necessary to pay the cost of reserving capacity for users who temporarily discontinue service:

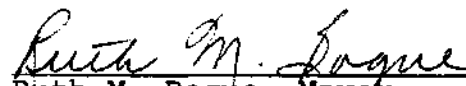
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Gig Harbor DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance 389 is amended to read as follows:


"SECTION 2. BILLING: Billing shall commence on the first available date, which date shall be the same as the water billing date. New users shall pay a pro rata charge on the first available billing date. The City shall have a lien against the user's real property for the delinquent unpaid rates and charges provided for herein together with a late charge equal to ten percent (10%) of the delinquent service charge, and interest thereon at the rate of (~~twelve-percent~~ ~~(12-per-cent)-per-year~~) one percent (1%) per month from the date of delinquency, and all costs and fees for foreclosing said lien or otherwise collecting the delinquent accounts. The account shall be delinquent (~~thirty-(30)-days~~) twenty-  
(20) days from the billing date. (When a user requests temporary discontinuance of service, a standby charge equal to 60% of the full-service rate shall be billed regularly until service is resumed. If service is resumed during a billing period, the regular rate shall apply)."

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective and in full force five days after its passage, approval and publication by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor at a regular open meeting this 22nd day of November, 1982.

  
Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jeff Sander,  
Administrator/Clerk