

ORDINANCE NO. 407

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Municipal Water System Ordinance: amending Sections 4 and 6 of Ordinance No. 388 to replace obsolete references therein and to add new provisions.

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor 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 City Council determined that a standby charge is necessary to pay the cost of maintaining water lines and reserving water capacity to meet fire flow requirements when normal service is temporarily discontinued; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council concluded that the frequent name changes on accounts causes additional personnel time and computer time and therefore a specific charge for this service is necessary: NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Gig Harbor DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 388 is amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. A specified rate shall be in effect in those instances water is not actually used upon the premises but is only available for the purpose of ((affording)) fire protection. Said rate shall be as follows: As a standard charge ((only-without-regard-to-size-of-service)), where no water is used, ((\\$10.25-per-monthly-period)) 60% of the regular rate. In the event water is used from ((such)) a meter in any particular monthly period, the regular rates shall be charged for the particular monthly period."

Section 2. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 388 is amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. (Billing) Water service charges shall be deemed delinquent if not paid within ((thirty-(30)-days)) twenty (20) days following the billing date. A late charge equal to 10 per cent of the delinquent service charge shall be imposed at the time of such delinquency, and interest at the rate of ((12-per-cent-per-annum)) one per cent (1%) per month shall be charged on all delinquent service charges and late charges. (A charge of \$10.00 shall be assessed for each name change to an account. Regardless of the reason for discontinued service, a turn-on charge of \$15.00 shall be assessed when service is resumed.)"

Section 3. 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
Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeff Smith, Administrator