

CITY OF GIG HARBOR
Gig Harbor, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 421

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND DEFINING THE CRIMES OF
MENACING AND PROVOKING ASSAULT.

WHEREAS, the present City Criminal Code does not adequately protect citizens from those who would intentionally place others in fear of bodily injury or death, either by physical action or communication; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of public safety that action and conduct be prohibited which would reasonably be expected to result in assault upon persons and property; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington do ORDAIN as follows:

That the Gig Harbor City Code as codified in Chapter 9 be amended by the addition of the following sections:

MENACING: A person is guilty of Menacing when he knowingly causes or attempts to cause another person to believe that he or any member of his family will be the victim of serious physical injury or death. Menacing is a gross misdemeanor.

PROVOKING ASSAULT: A person is guilty of provoking assault if he repeatedly uses fighting words or obscene language or gestures, thereby creating a substantial risk of assault to any person. Provoking assault is a misdemeanor.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this
14th day of March, 1983.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

By Nath M. Lagne MAYOR

Attest:

By [Signature]
CITY CLERK

Approved as to Form:

By _____
CITY ATTORNEY