

ORDINANCE NO. 422

AN ORDINANCE relating operation and maintenance of gasoline service stations: amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 153 to replace an obsolete reference therein.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended to the Gig Harbor City Council that Section 15.20.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code be amended to allow the display, rental and/or storage of household moving rental trucks/or utility rental trailers and to allow self service gasoline sales; and

WHEREAS, that such an operation would provide an essential service of retail convenience to the City; and

WHEREAS, the display, rental and/or storage of household moving rental trucks and/or utility rental trailers is potentially detrimental to the character of surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, proper screening will mitigate the potential impacts further protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gig Harbor; NOW, THEREFORE,

The City Council for the City of Gig Harbor do ordain as follows:

Section 1.

Section 1 of Ordinance No. 153 shall read as follows:

15.20.020 Operation and maintenance.

- A. No vehicles, disabled, awaiting repairs, or in storage or for sale may be parked on the premises for a continuous period of more than forty-eight hours.
- B. No body straightening or body repair or disassembly of body components will be allowed on the service station site. Wrecked or damaged vehicles shall not be stored on the premises longer than twenty-four hours.
- C. There shall be no automatic car wash. ~~or-car-or-truck-or-trailer-rental.~~
- D. No operation, service, or activity which would constitute a public nuisance shall be allowed.
- ~~E. No self-service operation shall be allowed.~~
- E. All buildings and grounds shall be kept in a constant state of repair becoming to the community.
- F. The hours of operation of any gasoline service station near or abutting residences shall be limited to six a.m. to ten p.m., except as otherwise permitted by the City Council.
- G. The display, rental and/or storage of household moving rental trucks and/or utility rental trailers as defined in connection with a gasoline service station is permitted pursuant to the following restrictions;
 - a. Rental equipment shall occupy an area no greater than twenty (20) percent of the total lot and no rental equipment shall be placed forward of the building front setback.
 - b. Landscaping for the purpose of screening the areas for the storage of rental trucks and/or utility rental trailers shall be planted and maintained when determined to be necessary by the City Council. The City Council shall, in its determination of the need for landscape screening, consider view from other properties, view from streets and pedestrian ways, extent of activity connected with the proposed use, and the impact of all the foregoing on the immediate neighborhood and the City of Gig Harbor in general.

15.20.025 Definitions.

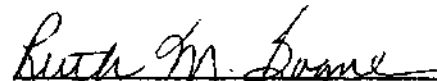
Household Moving Rental Truck. Any motor vehicle which is displayed stored or offered for rental without a driver; used and maintained solely for the transportation of property and primarily used for the do-it-yourself movement of personal household goods by private individuals on a short term basis, having only two axles and equipped with a fully enclosed van body of no more than 22' in length measured at the vehicle chassis and no more than 12' in height measured from the surface upon which involved truck rests.

Utility Rental Trailers. Any non-passenger-carrying box-type open or van vehicle, designed to be towed by a motor vehicle, not exceeding 3,500 pounds gross weight (GVW) and not exceeding 96" in total width, 72" in box width, or 14' in box length.


Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective and in full force five (5) days following its approval, passage, and publication by law.

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


Ruth M. Boque, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeff Snider
Administrator/Clerk