

ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Municipal Sewer System of the City of Gig Harbor: Repealing Ordinance No. 389; Fixing Rates and Charging for Sewer Service; Providing a Method of Collecting Fees and Charges; Providing Penalties for Violations; Providing for a Charge in Lieu of Assessment Hook-up Charges.

WHEREAS, it is recommended to the Gig Harbor City Council that Ordinance #389, codified as Section 13.32 of the Municipal Code, concerning Use Charges be repealed; and,

WHEREAS, it is further recommended to the City Council that Ordinance #389 be replaced with a new use rate schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council determined that a rate change is imperative to provide for the operation of the sewer utility; and,

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has found that the monthly rates proposed hereinafter are equitable to users and adequate to meet the public needs; and,

WHEREAS, it has also been determined by the Gig Harbor City Council that a revised use charge and new hook-up charge are in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Gig Harbor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Gig Harbor City Council that Ordinance #389, codified as Section 13.32 of the Municipal Code, be, and is hereby, repealed; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Gig Harbor City Council that Ordinance # be, and is hereby, adopted as follows and shall be codified as Section 13.32 of the Municipal Code:

Section I. USE CHARGES:

Classification of Users

Class 1 - Single family residences and churches	\$9.55 per dwelling or church
Class 2 - Single family residential units built in multiples of 2 residences or more per building.	\$9.55 per living unit
Class 3 - Motels	\$9.55 per month for residence office and each guest unit
Class 4 - Nursing, Rest, or Convalescent Homes	\$19.10 per month plus \$2.40 per bed per month
Class 5 - Bowling Alleys If food service is included there will be an add'l charge of \$.50 per seat per month for the maximum seating capacity of restaurant	\$19.10 per month up to and including 8 lanes plus \$2.40 per lane per month for each add'l lane
Class 6 - Restaurants, Cafes, Taverns, Bakeries & Pizza Parlors	\$19.10 per month plus fifty cents (\$.50) per seat, for the legal maximum seating capacity of such restaurant, cafe, tavern, bakery or pizza parlor
Class 7 - Shopping Centers, Super-markets and Department Stores	\$19.10 per month plus \$.003 per month for area in excess of 1,000 square feet

Class 8 - Beauty Parlors, Barber Shops	\$19.10 per month for the first six working spaces plus \$2.40 per space over six
Class 9 - Offices and Small Retail shops	\$19.10 per month
Class 10 - Laundries or self service laundromats	\$.50 per month per pound of machine capacity
Class 11 - Schools - Public and Private	\$22.00 per month for pre and grade schools plus \$.50 per pupil and employed personnel per month. Middle, high, and other: \$.60 per pupil and employed personnel per month. (Per pupil charges will be based on a school year of 9 months, including the month of Sept. through the month of May.)
Class 12 - Service Stations	\$28.70 per month for two islands of pumps or less, plus \$9.55 per month for each additional island of pumps.

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 per cent (12 per cent) per year 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 from the billing date.

Section 3. PROPERTY NOT ASSESSED: Properties which have not been specially assessed for all or a portion of the costs of the construction and installation of sewer pipelines of the City to which connection is desired may be permitted to connect onto any such pipeline and be served thereby if:

a. The City Engineer certifies that the pipe line to which the connection is made and the utility facilities serving that property have sufficient capacity to serve that property and all property which the City has the obligation to serve thereby because of the levying of special assessments, charges in lieu of agreement, contract, or other reason; and

b. There is paid to the City applicable charges for the service connection; and

1. If that property connects to a pipeline and facilities for which special assessments have been levied, there shall be paid into the applicable City utility fund a charge in lieu of assessment for such connection of an amount computed for that pipeline and related facilities (including applicable assessments for lateral or local service, trunk service, stub or service connection and any other charge assessed for like property); or

2. If that property connects to a pipeline and facilities for which special assessments were not levied, there shall be paid into the applicable City utility fund a connection charge representing the pro rata share of that property of the original cost of that pipe line and related facilities necessary to serve that pipeline, plus the cost of any improvement thereto, which pro rata share shall be calculated from a formula determined by the City Engineer and approved by the City Council by resolution as applicable to that pipeline and related facilities.

Section 4. HOOK-UP CHARGES

Class 1 - Single family residence	\$990.00 per unit
Class 2 - Single family residences and multiple units	\$990.00 per unit
Class 3 - Motels, residence office each unit	\$990.00 plus \$500.00 per guest unit
Class 4 - Churches	\$990.00
Class 5 - Nursing, Rest, or Convalescent Homes	\$1,985 plus \$188.00 per bed
Class 6 - Bowling Alleys	\$1,985 for first 8 lanes plus \$188.00 per additional lane. Any additional facilities within the building to be charged separately in accordance with the type of facility
Class 7 - Restaurants, Cafes, Taverns, Bakeries, and Pizza Parlors	\$1,985 plus \$50.00 per seat for the maximum legal capacity
Class 8 - Shopping Centers, Supermarkets, Department Stores, Stores, Shops and Offices	\$990.00 for first 500 square feet plus \$.33 per square foot over 500
Class 9 - Beauty Parlors & Barber Shops	\$1,985 for first 6 working spaces plus \$188 each additional space
Class 10 - Laundries & Laundromats	\$50.00 per pound of washing machine capacity
Class 11 - Schools, Public & Private	\$2,235.00
Plus:	
Pre & Grade (Per student and paid employee)	\$50.00
Middle, High School, and	\$62.00
Beyond (Per student & paid emp.)	
Class 12 - Service Stations	\$2,980 for two or less islands of pumps. \$990.00 for each add'l island of pumps Any business other than fuel and vehicle service to be charged under its own category

Class 13 - Remodels and/or Use Changes shall pay the difference between the new use charge rate and the existing rate if the new use rate exceeds or would exceed the existing rate. There shall be no refund for a change in use to a rate class of lesser unit charge.