

AN ORDINANCE of the Gig Harbor City Council adopting an "Addressing and Grid System for the City of Gig Harbor."

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 83-118 dated August 30, 1983, Pierce County adopted a 911 Emergency Telephone System to increase the speed and efficiency at which police, sheriff, fire, ambulance and other emergency services are able to deliver those services to persons in need; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an addressing and grid system within the City of Gig Harbor in order to provide uniformity in the designation of ways-of-travel and in the designation of buildings and property would further increase the speed and efficiency of delivery of those services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Gig Harbor that such an addressing and grid system be established throughout the City of Gig Harbor; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

The City Council for the City of Gig Harbor **DO ORDAIN** as follows:

Section 1. Official Map.

a. The Official Map shall impose upon Gig Harbor a numerical grid as set forth within such Official Map.

b. The Official Map is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

c. The Official Map thereof shall be maintained in the Gig Harbor Department of Planning. The Official Map or copy thereof shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Section 2. Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings which follow:

a. Department -- the Gig Harbor Department of Planning.

b. Private Road -- a way-of-travel which is maintained and has road sign designations posted for use as their exclusive access by more than two dwelling units (triplex or larger).

c. Way-of-Travel -- a roadway of whatever sort, including but not limited to, avenues, boulevards, courts, drives, lanes, places, roads, streets, and ways, which is capable of carrying traffic.

d. Private Driveway a way-of-travel which is maintained by one or two dwellings (one duplex) for use as their exclusive access.

Section 3. Way of Travel Designation. The following way-of-travel designations shall apply to way-of-travel names and way-of-travel signs.

a. Streets are major ways-of-travel which run easterly - westerly.

b. Avenues are major ways-of-travel which run northerly - southerly.

c. Drives are winding major ways-of-travel or other major ways-of-travel as designated by the Gig Harbor City Council.

d. The designation "road" as determined by the City Council, shall be used only where the name has long standing meaning or public sentiment.

e. Places shall be permanently closed avenues which run northerly - southerly.

f. Courts shall be permanently closed streets which run easterly-westerly, such as a cul-de-sac.

g. Loops shall be small loop-type streets to carry the name of the street from which they originate.

h. Lanes shall be private roads.

i. Ways are rights-of-way running at oblique angles to the four points of the compass.

j. The designations of ways-of-travel existing prior to the adoption of this ordinance need not be changed to conform to the above requirements unless, in the opinion of the Gig Harbor City Council, such change is necessary to promote the intent and spirit of the ordinance or to reduce or eliminate potential confusion.

k. All proposed names for new or existing ways-of-travel and private roads must be reviewed and approved by the Gig Harbor City Council (private driveways are exempt). The proposed name shall come from a list submitted by the Gig Harbor Historical Society or from other lists as approved by the Gig Harbor City Council.

l. City ways-of-travel shall not have a number or "N.W." as a designator.

Section 4. Numerical Designation of Buildings and Real Property.

a. Buildings and unimproved real property, when required to be designated by this ordinance, shall be designated numerically. The first numerals of such designation shall consist of the grid block number as shown by the Official Map in which the building or unimproved real property is situated, e.g., 16, 80, 76. The last two numerals of such designation shall be no less than 01 nor greater than 99 on the north and east sides of the way-of-travel, and no less than 02 nor greater than 98 on the south and west sides of the way-of-travel. The last two numerals shall never be 00 as that indicates an entire block.

Ergo, the complete numerical designation for a building or unimproved real property may be, for example, 1605, 1428, 2882, 4013.

b. Except as provided in c. below, odd numerical designations shall be assigned to the north and east sides of ways-of-travel and even numerical designations shall be assigned to the south and west sides of ways-of-travel.

The geographic direction of a way-of-travel shall be determined by observing its overall length and noting its general or predominant direction.

When possible, even and odd numerical designations shall be assigned consecutively and opposite one another.

c. Buildings and unimproved real property situated on a circular way-of-travel may be numbered consecutively beginning at the point of origin and proceeding progressively around such circle or loop, providing that such a numbering system is necessary to promote the intent and spirit of this ordinance or to reduce or eliminate potential confusion.

d. Each unit of duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes shall receive a numerical designation.

e. Buildings with multiple habitable units, such as apartment buildings and condominiums, shall receive one numerical designation. Individual units shall be designated by suffixed letters or numbers.

Section 5. Denoting Ways-of-Travel. All new or replaced signs denoting ways-of-travel shall display the name or numerical designation of the way-of-travel, and the district designation.

a. Signs on city roads shall be placed and maintained by the Gig Harbor Public Works Department.

b. Signs on state roads shall be placed and maintained by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

c. Signs on Private roads shall be placed and maintained by the Gig Harbor Public Works Department. All costs incurred by the Gig Harbor Public Works Department shall be born by the first citizen or developer erecting a structure having a newly developed private road as its access; existing private roads shall have sign erection costs born by the individual or individuals requesting a street name change. Easements must be recorded which enable access by the Gig Harbor Public Works Department; such easements must be approved by the Gig Harbor Public Works Director.

Section 6. Powers and Duties of Department.

a. The Department is authorized and empowered to assign and/or change numerical designations of buildings and unimproved real property.

b. The Department may use Report No. 332 of the American Society of Planning Officials (published March 1978) as a guide in the numerical designation of buildings and unimproved real property.

c. When necessary to promote the intent and spirit of this Ordinance or to reduce or eliminate potential confusion, the Department is authorized and empowered to assign and/or require numerical designations of buildings and unimproved real property in a manner other than specified in Sections 15.40.030, 040 or 050.

d. The Department is authorized and empowered to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to implement and affect this Ordinance and to insure the proper operation of the addressing and grid system.

e. The Department shall maintain maps and files which catalog names or numerical designations of ways-of-travel and numerical designations of buildings and unimproved real property.

Section 7. Display of Designations.

a. The owner, occupant, tenant, lessee or any other person or entity having an interest in any building which is habitable for residential, commercial, business, storage, or other purposes shall conspicuously display the numerical designation assigned to such building by the Department. The numerical designation shall be easily legible with numerals not less than three inches in height and the numerals shall be displayed upon a contrasting background. Numeral and background colors to be compatible with the building colors.

The numerical designation shall be displayed upon the building unless the building is not clearly visible from an adjacent way-of-travel in which case the numerical designation shall be displayed near the main entrance to the property upon which the building is situated. Sign location and dimensions to be as approved by the Department.

b. Buildings which are accessory to buildings which are required to be numerically designed need not, but may, be numerically designated. Unimproved real property need not, but may, be numerically designated.

Section 8. Filing Fee. The Department shall collect a fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee from each applicant requesting a new name or name change to a way-of-travel or private road.

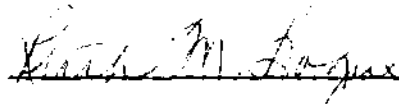
Exemptions: Requests by the Department to designate new names or change name designations for existing ways-of-travel and private roads.

Section 9. Penalty. Violation of any portion of this chapter is an infraction and subject to a penalty of \$100.00 as provided in Gig Harbor Code 1.16.010(4).

Section 10. Severability. In the event that any portion of this ordinance is held invalid to any person or circumstance, the remainder of the ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 11. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after approval and after official publication as required by law.

PASSED at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the
28th day of May, 1985.



Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeffrey Snider
Administrator