

ORDINANCE NO. 471

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Municipal Water System of the City of Gig Harbor: Repealing Ordinance No. 388 Fixing Rates and Charging for Water Service; Providing a Method of Collecting Fees and Charges; and Providing Penalties for Violations.

WHEREAS, it is recommended to the Gig Harbor City Council that Ordinance #388, codified as Section 13.04 of the Municipal Code, concerning Use Charges be repealed; and,

WHEREAS, it is further recommended to the Gig Harbor City Council that Ordinance #388 be replaced with a new rate schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council determined that a rate change is necessary to provide for the proper operation and maintenance of the city water utility system; 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 been determined by the Gig Harbor City Council that a revised use charge is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Gig Harbor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor that Ordinance #388, codified as Section 13.04 of the Municipal Code shall hereby be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor that Ordinance No. 471 be adopted to read as follows:

Section 1. Metered Residential Uses. The water service charge for all metered residential uses shall be \$9.93 per month per individual residential unit for the first 1,000 cubic feet consumed, and \$.76 per each 100 cubic feet or part thereof consumed per unit over the first 1,000 cubic feet for all meter sizes.

Section 2. Non-metered Residential Uses. Until a water meter has been installed to measure water consumed by a residential unit or a multiple residential building, the water service charge applicable to such unmetered residential unit shall be \$9.93 per month per unit.

Section 3. Industrial and Commercial Uses. The water service charge for each industrial and commercial user per month for the first 1,000 cubic feet consumed by such use shall be as follows:

SERVICE CONNECTION (METER)

SIZE	RATE
5/8" & 3/4"	\$10.55 for first 1,000 cu. ft.
1 inch	13.40 for first 1,000 cu. ft.
1-1/2 inch	19.80 for first 1,000 cu. ft.
2 inch	28.05 for first 1,000 cu. ft.
3 inch	60.70 for first 1,000 cu. ft.
4 inch	74.75 for first 1,000 cu. ft.

For each 100 cubic feet or part thereof consumed by such use over the first 1,000 cubic feet per month, there shall be water service charge of \$.76.

Section 4. A specified rate shall be in effect in those instances where 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 \$6.50 per monthly period. 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 5. The minimum monthly rate for multiple unit dwellings and apartments shall be as follows: \$9.93 per month for each individual unit. The minimum monthly rate for hotels and motels shall be as follows: \$9.93 per month for residence office and \$4.97 per month per guest unit. For water furnished in excess of the minimum amounts above specified the usual rates shall apply.

Section 6. The water use charges listed in Section 1 - 5 do not include state and city utility taxes.

Section 7. Water service charges shall be deemed delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days following the billing date. A late charge equal to 10 percent of the delinquent service charge shall be imposed at the time of such delinquency, and interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum shall be charged on all delinquent service charges and late charges.

The City, as provided by law, shall have a lien against the premises to which water was furnished and may enforce such lien by cutting off service until all charges and interest thereon then due are paid.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days following its approval and passage and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor at a regular open public meeting this 23rd day of December, 1985.

Ruth M. Bogue
Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael R. Wilson
Michael R. Wilson, City Administrator

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