

ORDINANCE NO. 499

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, relating to the Municipal Sewer System: repealing Ordinance #472, fixing rates for sewer service and hook-up charges; and providing a new rate schedule for sewer services and hook-up charges, and establishing new delinquency account collection, service termination and penalty provisions.

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined the present sewer service rate structure is inequitable and not based on the actual cost of service utilized by the utility customer, and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that a new rate design which provides the consumer with a proper signal of what volume is costing will be in the best interest of the utility and customer; rates which are based upon volume levels would be a more equitable method of collection for costs incurred than the present method; and a new cost of service rate schedule should be phased in order to reduce adverse effects on customers, and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that the present special charges for the sewer utility are also inequitable and not consistent with the actual cost of the special service and such service charges need to be modified to reduce inequity to existing customers, and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that the present method of enforcement of delinquent accounts is not effective and needs to be revised to establish a consistent and fair approach to enforce collection of such accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance #472, codified as chapter 13.32 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. A new section 13.32.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.010 Sewer Rates. The monthly sewer service rates shall be set at the following amounts:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Customer Base Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charge</u>
Residential	\$3.85/month	All ccf \$1.50/ccf
Multi-residential	\$2.15/month/living unit	\$1.50/ccf
Commercial	\$6.00/month/billing unit	\$1.50/ccf
Schools	\$7.30/month/billing unit	\$1.50/ccf

The commodity charge shall be based upon using the four winter months (December through March) as a maximum base usage for billing purposes for the entire year.

Section 3. A new section 13.32.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.020 Non-metered uses. Until a water meter has been installed to measure water flow by a residential unit, multi-residential building, or commercial facility, the sewer service charge each unmetered unit/ facility shall be as follows:

<u>Non-metered Customer Class</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential	\$15.85/unit
Multi-residential	\$14.15/living unit
Commercial	\$27.45/billing unit

Section 4. A new section 13.32.030 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.030 Outside Sewer Service. Sewer service extended outside the city limits shall be charged at 1.5 times the city rates established in sections 2 and 3.

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Section 5. A new section 13.32.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.040 Utility taxes by state and city excluded. The sewer use charges listed in sections 2, 3, and 4 above do not include state and city utility taxes.

Section 6. A new section 13.32.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.050 Billings-Delinquencies-Liens. The billing process, delinquent account enforcement and lien provisions used for sewer service accounts shall be as provided under the Water System Ordinance No. 498, section 5, "Billings-Delinquencies-Liens".

Section 7. A new section 13.32.060 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13.32.060 Hook-up Charges. The city shall impose the following hook-up charges:

- a) Inside the city's sewer utility local improvement district (ULID) - \$555/equivalent residential unit (ERU).
- b) Outside the city's sewer utility local improvement district (ULID) - \$1,375/equivalent residential unit (ERU).

The method/formula for determining the basic hook-up charge adjustment shall be: (basic hook-up charge/ERU) (Number of ERU's) = Total hook-up charge. The below assignment of equivalent residential units (ERU) to classes of service shall be used. The ERU assignment shall be applied on a proportionate basis.

There shall be an automatic hook-up charge adjustment each year based on the Engineering News Index construction costs factor.

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<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>ERU Assignment</u>
<u>Residential</u>	
1. Single family dwelling	1 ERU
2. Multi-family dwelling	1 ERU per dwelling
3. Trailer courts,	1 ERU per rental space
a) permanent mobile home parks	provided sewer service
b) transient RV parks	0.33 ERU per RV site
provided sewer service	
4. Bed & Breakfast	1 ERU, plus 1 ERU per
5. Home Business (residential	5 rental rooms
primary use)	1 ERU
<u>Non-Residential</u>	
6. High schools, Jr. High schools & Community College	1 ERU per 24 students
7. Elementary schools, Pre- schools, Day Care	1 ERU per 54 students
8. Churches	1 ERU per 150 seats
- if parsonage	1 ERU additional
- if weekday child care or	1 ERU per 54 students,
church school	additional
9. Hospitals-general	1 ERU per bed
10. Convalescent/rest homes	1 ERU per 2 beds
11. Hotels, Motels	1 ERU per 2 rooms
- if Quality Restaurant	1 ERU per 8 seats,
	additional
12. Quality Restaurants	1 ERU per 8 seats
13. Fast Food	1 ERU per 9 seats
14. Tavern	1 ERU per 15 seats
15. Service stations (w/o car wash)	2 ERUs
16. Car Wash - Wand	1.5 ERUs per stall
- Rollover	7.0 ERUS
- Tunnel	20 ERUs
17. Laundromats	1 ERU per machine
18. Commercial	1 ERU per 1600 sq. ft.
(Commercial shall include all	or less of interior
classes not otherwise included	floor space
on this table)	

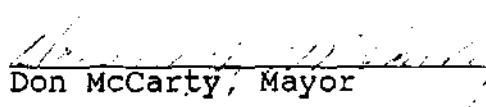
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19. Light industrial waste with
a) 30 lbs to 200 lbs of S.S.
per day, or
b) 30 lbs to 200 lbs of B.O.D.
per day, and
c) less than 10,000 gallons per day
20. Heavy industrial waste with
more than
a) 200 lbs of BOD per day, or
b) 200 lbs of S.S. per day, or
c) 10,000 gallons or more per day

Based on projected Average
Monthly Flows during Peak
Season - 700 cu. ft.
If projected flows are
unknown then basis is
same as Class 16.
Same as Class 17

Where seating is on benches or pews the number of seats
shall be computed on the basis of one seat for each 18
inches of bench or pew length.

Section 8. Effective date. This ordinance shall take
effect and be in full force on January 1, 1987.
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor,
Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular
meeting of the council held on this 24th day of
November, 1986.


Don McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael R. Wilson
City Administrator/Clerk

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