

RESOLUTION NO. 880

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINUE A RESOURCE CONSERVATION FEE WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor (City) is required to plan and implement programs and projects in response to requirements outlined in the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase 2 Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, these programs and projects include public outreach and education of the City's citizens, employees, and contractors; and

WHEREAS, these programs and projects also involve documenting maintenance practices of private stormwater facilities whereby the City verifies maintenance regulations and provides technical assistance on how maintenance should be performed; and

WHEREAS, the City routinely performs capital projects that require habitat restoration in the scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the City has no baseline stream data on most of the streams flowing through the City; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce Conservation District (District), including Stream Team, is a leader in environmental stewardship and reestablishing habitat within watersheds by providing public outreach and education, technical assistance, stream monitoring stations and data, coordination of volunteers, and education of stream monitoring techniques for Pierce County citizens since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the District offers significant assistance to local governments and private citizens in response to the mandated NPDES requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City loses many opportunities by not being partners with the District, including eligibility for multiple educational grants and environmental stewardship grants, Gig Harbor Farmers Market support through promotion and additional funding of the Market, technical assistance with citizen groups, and partnering on citizen-based initiatives and projects; and

WHEREAS, the City currently receives support from the District with the City's Chum Festival through equipment and volunteer efforts, which could cease without further in-kind assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City approved Resolution 813 in November 2009 to initially enact this resource conservation fee for a one-year time period; and

WHEREAS, the City approved Resolution 846 in November 2010 to renew this resource conservation fee for another one-year time period; and

WHEREAS, the City and its citizens received multiple opportunities for assistance from the Pierce Conservation District throughout 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City and its citizens have planned many more opportunities for assistance from the Pierce Conservation District in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Council possesses the authority under RCW 89.08.400 to enhance the ability of the Pierce Conservation District to assist local governments by enacting an annual Resource Conservation Fee of up to five dollars (\$5.00) per parcel within the Pierce Conservation District's boundaries for a period of not greater than five (5) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. For the reasons stated above, the City Council hereby requests that the Pierce County Council, in accordance with RCW 89.08.400, enact an annual Resource Conservation Fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for a period of five (5) years

from the date the Pierce County Council enacts the fee as resolved herein within the corporate boundaries of the City of Gig Harbor.

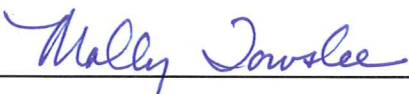
RESOLVED this 14th day of November, 2011.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR CHARLES L. HUNTER

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 11/09/11

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 11/14/11

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