

A RESOLUTION adopting a policy on the extension of water and sewer services.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor has the only source of secondary sewage treatment and disposal for the unincorporated area immediately outside the corporate limits; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor operates the only municipal-owned water system on the Gig Harbor Peninsula; and,

WHEREAS, THE County of Pierce has created a limited sewage utility that does not provide treatment service for sewage and is not available to residents on the Peninsula; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce does not operate a water utility; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Washington enforces stringent rules and regulations relating to septic tanks and alternative means of sewage disposal because of the degradation of ground water; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires full utilization of past and future investments in the water and sewer systems to stabilize user-rates; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor frequently receives requests for extension of water and sewer services to unincorporated areas outside the corporate limits; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor desires maintenance of the community's health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the time is appropriate for the City Council to make known its policy on extending services to unincorporated areas; NOW, THEREFORE,

The City Council for the City of Gig Harbor DO RESOLVE the following:

Section 1. General Provision

The Council of the City of Gig Harbor expresses its general intent to extend water and sewer services to either organized districts or individuals located outside the corporate limits of Gig Harbor. Therefore the administrative staff is authorized to review and analyze proposals from districts and individuals, and to make recommendations to the council.

Section 2. Application of City Ordinances.

All ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedures relating to the use of water and sewer utilities, now or hereafter adopted by the City, apply with equal force to service connections outside the corporate limits.

Section 3. Competition of Services.

Competition with adjoining utility districts should be avoided. However the City will consider extension of services if the existing utility cannot meet the needs of a property owner.

Section 4. Utility Improvements.

Existing facilities should be improved and replaced to increase their utilization and adjust to the changing needs (i.e. fire flow requirements) of the population. New system components should be located most appropriate to the population being served.

Section 5. Reserved Capacities.

The City will maintain reserved capacities in both utilities to ensure availability for growth inside the corporate limits and to ensure an operating safety margin.

Sewer Utility Capacities

Safety Margin	5% to 10%
In-city Growth	15% to 20%
Extended Service	Difference of current operating level and reserved percentages.

Water Utility Capacities

Safety Margin & Fire Flow	10% to 15%
In-city Growth	15% to 20%
Extended Services	Difference of current operating level and reserved percentages.

Section 6. Fiscal Considerations.

- A. Utility Rates - Connection Fees - Hook-up fees shall be 150% of the rates within the corporate limits.
- B. Proposed users shall be responsible for the cost of extending lines from the existing system to their properties. This cost is additional to the required contributions to capital.
- C. When current operating capacities will not allow extensions, the individual(s) or district may fund improvements to increase capacities.

Section 7. Ownership and Maintenance of Extensions.

The City of Gig Harbor shall own and maintain extended systems to the point of private property lines.

Section 8. Limitations on Extensions.

- A. All extended lines shall comply with the City's construction standards and shall be approved by the City's Public Works Director.
- B. Utility lines shall not extend beyond the present or future approved comprehensive drainage basin plan.
- C. Extended lines shall not by-pass intervening properties to service proposed properties (commonly known as the "leap-frog" effect).
- D. Proposed use of the property to which service is extended shall comply with Pierce County land-use regulations.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 1982.

Ruth M. Bogue
Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeff Snider, City Administrator