

ORDINANCE NO. 1296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND CLARIFYING THE CITY'S RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2.50.010, 2.50.040, AND 2.50.060(B) OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council and the City's Parks Commission discussed at their joint work study session on May 19 the benefits of maintaining the current size of the Parks Commission at five members or increasing the size to seven members; and

WHEREAS, some of the benefits of increasing the size of the Parks Commission to seven members includes better operational continuity, broader input base, and reduced the burden of individual commission members; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council considered the Ordinance at first reading on June 9, 2014.

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

Section 1. Section 2.50.010 - Amended. Section 2.50.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The city of Gig Harbor parks commission, consisting of five seven members, appointed by a vote of the majority of the city council, is hereby established.
- B. The purpose of the parks commission is to advise the mayor and city council on park and recreation facilities, open space acquisition and development, maintenance and operation of parks and recreation public facilities, operation of parks and recreation programs, and other matters as directed by the city council.
- C. Commission members shall initially be selected for staggered terms. Three commissioners or their successors will serve a one-, two- or three-year term based on the position, except that Position 7 shall initially serve a two-year term. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years, or for the duration of an unexpired term in the case of an appointment to a vacancy. All commission

members' terms shall expire on March 31st and all successive terms shall commence on April 1st.

D. Commission Appointments.

1. Appointments to the parks commission will be by the city council during a regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Each member of the commission shall be a resident of the city of Gig Harbor or residing within the City's urban growth area (UGA) at the time of appointment and throughout her or his time in office. At no time shall there be more than two residents of the UGA serving on the commission. When reviewing appointments to the parks commission, residents of the city of Gig Harbor will be given preference.
3. 2. The council shall seek the advice and input of the commission prior to making any commission appointments.

E. Vacancies occurring other than through the expiration of terms shall be filled by the council, in consultation with the parks commission, within 90 days of the vacancy, for the unexpired term.

F. Members may be removed by the city council for any reason.

Section 2. Section 2.50.040 - Amended. Section 2.50.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the commission shall be necessary to legally act on any matter before the commission. For a five seven-member commission, a quorum is three four members.

Section 3. Section 2.50.060(B) - Amended. Section 2.50.060(B) of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

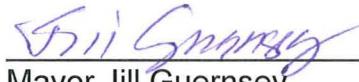
The director of operations public works shall be responsible for providing administrative and staff services for the commission.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 23rd day of June, 2014.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR



Mayor Jill Guernsey

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney



Angela G. Summerfield

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