

RESOLUTION NO. 496

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON FURTHER ACCRUAL OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR SIGN CODE VIOLATIONS, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, OR UNTIL NOVEMBER 11, 1997.

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Building Department has issued a number of Notices of Violation for Sign Code violations, and the City Hearing Examiner has rendered at least one final decision on a sign code violation; and

WHEREAS, violations of the Sign Code are subject to a civil penalty which accrues daily; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is currently engaged in the process of revising its Sign Code (chapter 17.80 GHMC); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desired to impose a moratorium with the effect of tolling the accrual of any further civil penalties for Sign Code violations, as documented in any Notice of Violation issued by the City Planning and Building Department or final decision of the Hearing Examiner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council initially imposed this moratorium at its regular meeting of February 10, 1997, for a period of ninety (90) days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to extend the moratorium for six months, or until a new ordinance revising the Sign Code is adopted and effective; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Ratification of Previous Moratorium. The sign code civil penalties imposed under any Notice of Violation issued by the City Planning and Building Department, or in any final decision of the Hearing Examiner, were tolled between the following dates: February 10, 1997 until May 10, 1997. During this period of time, no additional civil penalties accrued on any outstanding Notice of Violation or final decision of the Hearing Examiner for sign code violations. Section 2. Continuation of Moratorium. The City Council hereby continues the moratorium such that no sign code civil penalties shall accrue under any Notice of Violation issued by the City Planning-Building Department, or in any final decision of the Hearing Examiner, between the following dates: May 11, 1997 until November 11, 1997. During this period of time, no additional civil penalties shall accrue on any outstanding Notice of Violation or final decision of the Hearing Examiner for sign code violations.

Section 3. Moratorium Does Not Affect Enforcement of Sign Code. This moratorium does not restrict nor limit the City's ability to enforce the existing Sign Code, including but not limited to, the City's issuance of new Notices of Violation, scheduling of appeals of Notices of Violation, the hearing examiner's hearing and issuance of decisions on appeals of Notices of Violation and the removal of any unauthorized signs from the City right-of-way.

Section 4. Earlier Termination of Moratorium. The City Council may terminate this moratorium at any time prior to November 11, 1997, or by adopting an ordinance revising the Sign Code (chapter 17.80 RCW).

RESOLVED by the City Council this 27th day of May, 1997.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, MOLLY M. TOWSLEE

APPROVED AS TO FORM;
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY: _____

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