

ORDINANCE NO. 819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.12.080 TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT SEVEN COUNCILMEMBERS RATHER THAN FIVE SHALL BE ELECTED.

WHEREAS, due to the annexation of property into the city an increase in the population has occurred; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.12.010, when the population of a mayor-council code city increases to five thousand or more inhabitants, the number of councilmanic offices in the city shall increase from five to seven members; and

WHEREAS, two persons have been appointed to serve in these offices until the next municipal general election,

WHEREAS, the municipal code needs to be updated to reflect the increase in offices; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.12.080 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.12.080 Election of councilmembers - Vacancy.

~~Five~~ Seven councilmembers shall be elected for terms of four years each, with three such councilmembers being elected at one biennial election and ~~two~~ four councilmembers being elected at the subsequent biennial election, and shall serve until his or her successor is elected, qualified and assumes office in accordance with RCW 29.04.170. In the event of a vacancy in a councilmember office, the city council shall, by majority vote, choose and appoint a councilmember to fill said vacancy in the manner set forth in RCW 42.12.010 or other applicable state statute.

Section 2. In any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or 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 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, MOLLY M. TOWSLEE

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