

## ORDINANCE NO. 1321

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO STORMWATER UTILITY RATES; REPEALING SECTIONS 14.10.050 AND 14.10.055, REPLACING WITH NEW RESPECTIVE SECTIONS; REPEALING SECTIONS 14.10.080 AND 14.10.090; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise stormwater service rates and charges to meet the increasing cost of providing stormwater services; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 rate study provided by Peninsula Financial Consulting supports these rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the city typically reviews utility rates and charges about every six years; and

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

Section 1. Section 14.10.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

### **14.10.050 Stormwater rates.**

- A. In accordance with the basis for a rate structure set forth in GHMC 14.10.020 and 14.10.030, there is levied upon all developed real property within the boundaries of the utility the following monthly service rates which shall be collected from the owners of such properties:
1. All detached single-family residences and mobile homes (one equivalent billing unit) not including state and city sales tax:
    - a. Effective August 1, 2015, shall be \$12.56.
    - b. Effective January 1, 2016, shall be \$13.00.
    - c. Effective January 1, 2017, shall be \$13.46.
    - d. Effective January 1, 2018, shall be \$13.93.
    - e. Effective January 1, 2019, shall be \$14.42.
    - f. Effective January 1, 2020, shall be \$14.92.
  2. All other developed property within the boundaries of the utility, except as set forth in GHMC 14.10.060, the monthly service rate not including state and city sales tax shall be the number of equivalent billing units determined by the

utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to GHMC 14.10.030 multiplied by the following rates:

- a. Effective August 1, 2015, shall be \$12.56.
- b. Effective January 1, 2016, shall be \$13.00.
- c. Effective January 1, 2017, shall be \$13.46.
- d. Effective January 1, 2018, shall be \$13.93.
- e. Effective January 1, 2019, shall be \$14.42.
- f. Effective January 1, 2020, shall be \$14.92.

B. Duplexes shall be charged at 1.5 equivalent billing units for the two units.

C. Those developed properties that are riparian to the harbor or Puget Sound from which storm and surface waters flow directly into the harbor or Puget Sound, without the aid of any watercourse or natural or artificial drainage facilities, and all developed properties with city-approved detention facilities will be billed at one equivalent billing unit.

Section 2. Section 14.10.055 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

**14.10.055 Stormwater system general facilities charges.**

The city shall impose a stormwater general facilities charge of \$1,770 for each equivalent billing unit for each property being developed pursuant to GHMC 14.10.030. Each general facilities charge shall be paid to the City at the time of building permit issuance.

Section 3. Section 14.10.080 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed.


Section 4. Section 14.10.090 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect August 1, 2015, which is at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title. For developments with a complete building permit submitted prior to August 1, 2015, the general facilities charge amendments in Section 2 of this ordinance shall not apply and instead the general facility charges required by Ordinance 1235 shall apply

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor,  
this 13th day of July 2015.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

  
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Mayor Jill Guernsey

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney

  
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Angela G. Summerfield

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