

**ORDINANCE NO. 1324**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON,  
RELATING TO THE CITY'S 2015-2016 BUDGET; ADJUSTING TWO  
PART-TIME POSITIONS TO TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS WITHIN THE  
WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FUND; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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WHEREAS, demands on the City's wastewater system between 2006 and 2016 will have caused the City's major sewer collection facilities to grow by about 35% and the City's major sewer treatment facilities to grow by an average of 150% while wastewater staffing levels have only increased by 17%; and

WHEREAS, in response to the added collection and treatment demands, the City successfully received a new NPDES discharge permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology to increase the discharge of treated effluent from 1.6 MGD to 2.4 MGD; and

WHEREAS, the new NPDES permit requires additional staffing demands including new laboratory testing regime with more required tests and increased reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the increased facilities and staffing demands are on-going and will not be reduced with any future reduction of development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director requests adjusting two existing part-time staff positions (one 0.4 FTE and one 0.8 FTE) to two full-time staff positions (each 1.0 FTEs) within the wastewater operations fund to respond to the increased facility and staffing demands; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the increased facility and staffing demands the recently adopted utility rate structure assumes an increase in wastewater operations staff of 1.0 FTE; and

WHEREAS, funding for the additional proposed staffing is contained in the current wastewater utility rate structure and therefore the additional salary expenses in the remaining 2015-2016 budget will be supported by projected wastewater utility revenues and no appropriation is requested.

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

Section 1. The Gig Harbor City Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to adjust wastewater operations staffing levels as shown in the recitals above and directs the Finance Director to amend the 2015-2016 budget accordingly.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is 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, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. 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 City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor this 28th day of September 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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