

RESOLUTION NO. 1084

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR
AUTHORIZING SEIZURE AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED
VESSEL.**

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor operates a public moorage facility at the Jerisich Dock where the public may moor a vessel for a charge; and

WHEREAS, an unnamed 1968 Uniflite 31 recreational motor vessel ("vessel") bearing Washington State registration number WN8714JC has been left continuously abandoned and unattended since November 2016 without paying any of the City's moorage fees; and

WHEREAS, repeated attempts by the police department via registered letter, telephone, and other means of communication to notify the owner of the apparent abandonment of said vessel and outstanding nature of moorage charges have gone unanswered; and

WHEREAS, vessel reduces the available transient moorage space at Jerisich Dock and poses a potential safety and/or environmental threat; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2017, said vessel was impounded to the Jerisich Dock by securing it with a locked cable and Notice of Impound and Intent to Seize was prominently displayed on vessel; and

WHEREAS, vessel has remained unclaimed for a period of greater than 90 days since the notice and impoundment occurred on March 15, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 53.08.230, under these circumstances city staff may, by resolution of the City Council, authorize the sale of the vessel to the highest and best bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor hereby authorizes the city police department to take custody of and dispose of vessel at public auction in a manner consistent with the law.

ADOPTED by the City council of the City of Gig Harbor this 26th day of June, 2017, 2017.

APPROVED:


MAYOR JILL GUERNSEY

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

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