

**ORDINANCE NO. 1378**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO HUNTING; AMENDING CHAPTER 9.20 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT HUNTING IN THE CITY LIMITS; PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is a growing urban area with increasing population and buildings; and

WHEREAS, wild game occasionally transits or resides within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the discharge of firearms is generally prohibited within city limits, but archery weapons are not prohibited; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming less safe to hunt wild game within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to prohibit the hunting of animals in the city limits; Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.20.050 - Added. A new Section 9.20.050 is hereby added to the Gig Harbor Municipal Code to read as follows:

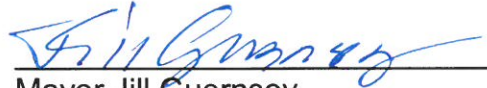
**9.20.050 Hunting prohibited – Exceptions.**

It shall be unlawful to hunt any animal by any means within the city limits. This prohibition does not apply to the removal of nuisance household animals, such as rodents and moles and it does not apply to a law enforcement officer in the performance of official duties. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 2. 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 Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 27 day of November, 2017.

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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