

ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES, INCREASING THE SEWER CHARGE FOR CONNECTIONS WITH THE CITY'S SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM, CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S RECENTLY ADOPTED STUDY ON WASTEWATER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.32.060.

WHEREAS, the City has recently commissioned a study to be made of its sewer facility system, in order to analyze the Wastewater General Facilities Charge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the report from that study, entitled the "Wastewater General Facilities Charge Analysis" dated April 2002 from Gray and Osborne, Inc., on April 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the consultants preparing the Wastewater General Facilities Charge Analysis have calculated the sewer connection charge without need for the City to make an automatic hook-up adjustment each year, as provided in GHMC Section 13.32.060(C); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Wastewater General Facilities Charge Analysis by reference, for eventual inclusion in the City's sewer comprehensive plan, during the annual comprehensive plan updates; and

WHEREAS, the City's SEPA Responsible Official has determined that this ordinance is categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(20); and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater General Facilities Charge Analysis demonstrated that an increase in the sewer connection charge imposed by the City was warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the connection fee increase proposed by this ordinance on April 22, 2002, Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 13.32.060 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.32.060. Connection fees.

A. The City shall impose the following connection fees to connect to the sewer system:

1. Zone A includes all properties which participated in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 1 (ULID No. 1), as described in Ordinance 169 establishing ULID No. 1. The connection fee for Zone A is ~~\$670.00~~ 3,250.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

2. Zone B includes all properties which participated in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 2 (ULID No. 2), as described in Ordinance 515 establishing ULID No. 2. The connection fee for Zone B is ~~\$1,650~~ 3,070.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

3. Zone C includes all property participating in the city's Sewer Utility Local Improvement District No. 3 (ULID No. 3), as described in Ordinance 617 establishing ULID No. 3 and additional property within Canterwood Subdivision Divisions 4 through 12 which is included in Canterwood's sewer capacity/utility extension agreement but not specifically included in ULID No. 3. The connection fee for Zone C is ~~\$1,650~~ 3,050.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

~~4. Zone D includes all property within the city limits which is not included in another zone. The connection fee for Zone D is \$1,650 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).~~

~~5.4.~~ The connection fee for all property not described in the above zones to which sewer service is extended is ~~\$2,320~~ 3,390.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU).

B. The method/formula for determining the basic hook-up charge adjustment shall be: (basic hook-up charge/ERU) (Number of ERUs) = Total hook-up charge. The below assignment of equivalent residential units (ERU) to classes of service shall be used. The ERU assignment shall be applied on a proportionate basis

~~C. — There shall be an automatic hook-up charge adjustment each year based on the Engineering News Index construction costs factor.~~

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the remainder to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance and the increase's in the connection fee's adopted in 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 13th day of May, 2002.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR



GRETCHEN WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

By: 

MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: _____
CAROL A. MORRIS