

ORDINANCE NO. 910

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO WATER CONNECTION CHARGES, INCREASING THE WATER CHARGE FOR CONNECTIONS WITH THE CITY'S WATER UTILITY SYSTEM, CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S RECENTLY ADOPTED STUDY ON WATER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES; AMENDING GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.080.

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

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

WHEREAS, the consultants preparing the Water General Facilities Charge Analysis have calculated the water connection charge without need for the City to make an automatic hook-up adjustment each year, as provided in GHMC Section 13.04.080(D); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Water General Facilities Charge Analysis by reference, for eventual inclusion in the City's water 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 Water General Facilities Charge Analysis demonstrated that an increase in the water 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 13.04.080 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.080. Water system hook-up charge.

A. The City shall charge the following fees to connect to the water utility system:

| Meter Size | Capacity Factor(s) | Hook-up Fee |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ¾" | 1.0 | \$ 970.00 <u>3,740.00</u> |
| 1" | 1.67 | 1,620.00 <u>6,250.00</u> |
| 1-1/2" | 3.33 | 3,230.00 <u>12,450.00</u> |
| 2" | 5.33 | 5,179.00 <u>19,930.00</u> |
| Over 2" | | Negotiable |

B. Any remodel and/or use change shall pay the difference between the new use and/or size of the previous use and/or size. No refund shall be allowed for use and/or size reduction.

C. Water system hook-up outside the city limits shall be charged at 1.5 times the city rates.

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

Section 3. 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 4. 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

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