

ORDINANCE NO. 1435

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR,
WASHINGTON, RELATED TO STANDING COMMITTEES;
REVISING CHAPTER 2.51 OF THE GIG HARBOR
MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to implement a selection process for its standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires establish procedures for the conducting of standing committee meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2.51.010 – Revised. Chapter 2.51.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is revised to read as follows:

2.51.010 Appointment of standing council committees.

~~The mayor shall recommend councilmember appointments~~ The City Council shall select councilmembers to appoint to the following standing council committees: finance and safety, public works, planning and building, intergovernmental affairs, board and commission candidate review. Each committee shall have three members.

The City Council will select committee members based on seniority. Seniority is defined as time served as a city councilmember. Councilmembers of equal time served are determined by a random method by drawing a number from one to seven, one being first, overseen by the city clerk or appointed assistant.

The senior councilmember makes his/her first choice and only one choice until all seven councilmembers choose whether or not to serve on a committee. The next senior councilmember makes his/her first choice, so forth until all members choose in the first round. Then, the second round starts with the most senior member.

Once a committee fills, the choice from the remainder of councilmembers is not an option.

Standing Council committees shall be filled at the second regular city council meeting in the month of January on an annual basis. Special committees or Ad Hoc committees as designated by the city council shall be appointed upon the creation of the committee.

Section 2. Chapter 2.51.040 – Revised. Chapter 2.51.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is revised to read as follows:

2.51.040 Assignment of members and chair.

~~Councilmembers shall be recommended to standing committees after each council election or more frequently, but in no event more frequently than annually unless vacancies occur. A chair for each committee shall be designated by the committee or by the mayor and council as the council and mayor shall elect.~~

Section 3. Chapter 2.51.050 – Created. Chapter 2.51.050 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is created to read as follows:

Chapter 2.51.050 – Committee meetings


All standing committee meetings shall be held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. All committees shall be supported by City staff to take minutes and provide necessary information for the committees to perform their duties. Committees shall meet during regular working hours unless an emergency exists. Committees may set regular monthly or quarterly meeting times. Meeting agendas are determined by the chair as requested by committee members, mayor or staff and must be posted 5 days prior to the committee meeting unless an emergency exists.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect five 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 16th day of December, 2019.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR



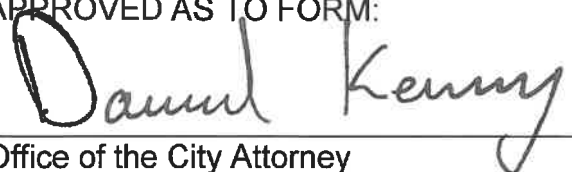
Mayor Kit Kuhn

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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