

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR  
ORDINANCE NO. 935**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON INCREASING THE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE RATE TO BE PAID TO THE CITY BY OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES; COMBINING THE RATE WITH STATE UTILITY TAX RATES; ELIMINATING THE SEPARATE COMMUNITY SYSTEM CHARGE FOR THE PENN THICKET SYSTEM; AND AMENDING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTIONS 13.32.010, 13.32.015, 13.32.020, AND 13.32.025, AND REPEALING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTION 13.32.040 TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003.**

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**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to raise sewer service rates and charges to meet the increasing cost of providing sewage collection and treatment services; and

**WHEREAS**, a flat rate is no longer need for the Penn Thicket System because they now have a meter and are billed based on their usage; and

**WHEREAS**, to simplify billing procedures, the City desires to combine the state utility tax rates with the City of Gig Harbor sewer service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate study by Gray & Osborne recommends these rate increases;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, **DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 13.32.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.10 Sewer Rates.**

**A.** The monthly sewer service rate shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge (per month)</b>
Residential	<del>\$5.36</del> <u>\$16.17</u>	<del>\$2.36</del> <u>\$1.98</u>	<del>\$17.10</del>
Multi-Family Residential (per living unit)	<del>3.16</del> <u>12.44</u>	<del>2.36</del> <u>1.98</u>	<del>42.55</del>
Commercial/School	<del>10.03</del> <u>37.75</u>	<del>2.36</del> <u>3.50</u>	<del>47.08</del>
<u>Dept. of Corrections</u>	<u>\$4,987</u>	<u>\$1.98</u>	

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Section 2. Section 13.32.015 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as

follows:

**13.32.015 Sewer Rates – Community Systems.** The monthly sewer service rates for community systems shall be set at the following amounts:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
<del>Penn Thicket System</del>	<del>\$130.26/system</del>
Shore Crest System	<u>\$17.83/living unit \$5.00 plus \$24.63/living unit</u>

Section 3. Section 13.32.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.020 Non-metered uses.** Until a water meter has been installed to measure water flow by a residential unit, multi-residential building, or commercial facility, the sewer service charge for each unmetered unit/facility shall be as follows:

<b>Nonmetered Customer Class</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
Residential	<del>\$21.79/unit</del> <u>\$29.63/unit</u>
Multifamily residential	<del>17.26/living unit</del> <u>21.25/living unit</u>
Commercial	<del>45.26/billing unit</del> <u>72.75/billing unit</u>

Section 4. Section 13.32.025 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.32.025 Sewer Rates – Community systems using flow meters.**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Customer Base Charge (per month)</b>	<b>Commodity Charge (per ccf)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge (per month)</b>
Residential	<del>5.36</del> <u>\$5.00 + \$11.17/unit</u>	<del>\$2.36</del> <u>\$1.98</u>	<del>\$21.79</del>
Multi-Family Residential	<del>3.16</del> <u>\$5.00 + \$7.44/unit</u>	<del>2.36</del> <u>1.98</u>	<del>17.36</del>
Commercial	<del>40.03</del> <u>\$5.00 + \$32.75/unit</u>	<del>2.36</del> <u>3.50</u>	<del>45.26</del>

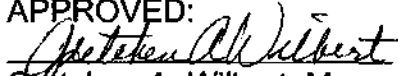
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Section 5. Section 13.32.040 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

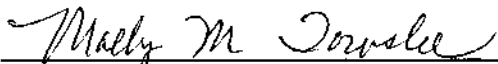
Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect October 1, 2003 which shall be at least five (5) days after its publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular meeting of the council held on this 11th day of August, 2003.

APPROVED:

  
Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Molly Towslee  
City Clerk

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