

ORDINANCE NO. 678

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES, AMENDING SECTIONS 1.08.010 AND 1.08.020 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor Municipal Code ("GHMC") Section 1.08.010 precludes the City Council from adopting an ordinance on the same day as its introduction; and in addition to the above, GHMC Section 1.08.010 and 1.08.020 only allow the introduction, adoption or amendment of a proposed ordinance during a regular Council meeting;

WHEREAS, none of the above prohibitions on the procedures for ordinance adoption are required by state law;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that there may be situations where the expeditious function of local government depends upon the Council's immediate action on a proposed ordinance; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 1.08.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.08.010 Introduction. ~~No action shall be taken to adopt an ordinance on the day of its introduction.~~ A proposed ordinance shall may be introduced ~~only~~ at any regular or special meeting of the council. "Introduction" is defined as being a reading of the proposed ordinance or a general description of the purpose and contents of the proposed ordinance.

Section 2. Section 1.08.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.08.020 Adoption.

A. A proposed ordinance:

1. shall not be adopted on the date of its introduction except as provided below;

2. shall only be adopted at a regular meeting except as provided below; and
3. should be reintroduced if not adopted at or prior to the third regular meeting after the introductory meeting. Failure to reintroduce the proposed ordinance shall not affect the validity of any ordinance passed by the City Council.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council may take action on a proposed ordinance on its day of introduction, or at a special meeting, upon the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the whole membership of the Council.

C. A proposed ordinance shall not be adopted at a regular meeting of the council during or before the third regular meeting of the council after the meeting at which the proposed ordinance was introduced. If adoption does not occur during or before the third regular meeting of the council after introduction of the proposed ordinance, the proposed ordinance should not be adopted unless and until it has been reintroduced and all provisions of this chapter have been satisfied. A proposed ordinance may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the council, including the introductory meeting; provided, however, that amendments shall not be considered unless the proposed ordinance appears on the official agenda of the meeting at which amendments are proposed.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or 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 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MARK HOPPEN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY _____

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: June 21, 1994
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: July 11, 1994
PUBLISHED: July 20, 1994
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1994

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 678

of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington

On the 11th day of July, 1994, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, passed Ordinance No. 678. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 13th day of July, 1994.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MARK HOPPEN