

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR
ORDINANCE NO. 720**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM: PROVIDING CHANGES IN THE SEWER RATES; ESTABLISHING A NEW CUSTOMER CLASS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to change certain sewer service rates and charges and to establish a new customer class to maintain a systematic and equitable rate schedule;

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

Section 1. Section 13.32.025 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

13.32.025 Sewer Rates - Community systems using flow meters. The monthly sewer service rates for community systems basing billing on sewer flow meters shall be set at the following amounts:

Customer Class	Customer Base Charge (per month)	Commodity Charge (per ccf)	Minimum Charge (per month)
Residential	\$4.62	\$2.03	\$18.83
Multi-Family Residential	2.72	2.03	14.90
Commercial	8.66	2.03	39.11

Section 2. Section 13.32.030 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.32.030 Outside sewer service. Sewer service extended outside the city limits shall be charged at 1.5 times the city rates established in GHMC 13.32.010, ~~and 13.32.020~~ and 13.32.025.

Section 3. Section 13.32.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended to read 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:

<u>Non-metered Customer Class</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential	\$18.83 48.87/unit
Multi-family residential	14.90 14.85/living unit
Commercial	39.11 38.99/billing unit

Section 4. Section 13.32.065 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

13.32.065 Connection fees - changes in class of service or ERU assignment.
When a change occurs which would place the customer in a different class of service or change the ERU assignment from that on which connection fees have been paid, an additional connection fee shall be charged. The additional fee shall be the difference between the connection fee, calculated at the current rates, based on the current class of service and ERU assignment, at the current rates, and the connection fee, calculated at the current rates, based on the class of service and ERU assignment on which connection fees have already been paid. The following examples illustrate changes in class of service or ERU assignment:

- 1) A residence adding an additional dwelling unit would change from the single-family dwelling class with 1 ERU to the multi-family dwelling class with 2 ERU's;
- 2) An elementary school's population increasing by 54 students would increase its ERU assignment by one;
- 3) A "quality restaurant" adding 16 additional seats would increase its ERU assignment by two;
- 4) A commercial property adding 4800 sq. ft. additional floor space would increase its ERU assignment by three.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect 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 8th day of April, 1996.

APPROVED:

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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