

ORDINANCE NO. 1134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON INCREASING THE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE RATE TO BE PAID FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES; AND AMENDING GIG HARBOR CODE SECTIONS 13.32.010, 13.32.015, 13.32.020, AND 13.32.025 TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009.

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, the 2008 rate study by Peninsula Financial Consulting 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:

Customer Class	Customer Base Charge (per month)	Commodity Charge (per ccf)
Residential	\$23.63 20.55	\$2.90 2.52
Multi-Family Residential (per living unit)	18.18 15.84	2.90 2.52
Commercial/School	55.15 47.96	5.12 4.45
Dept. of Corrections	\$7,286 6,336	\$2.90 2.52

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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:

Customer Class	Monthly Charge
Shore Crest System	\$7.31 6.36 plus \$36.00 34.30/living unit

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

13.32.20 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>Nonmetered Customer Class</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential	\$43.29 37.64/unit
Multifamily residential	31.04 26.99/living unit
Commercial	\$106.29 92.43/billing unit

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.

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Customer Base Charge (per month) (per ccf)</u>	<u>Commodity Charge</u>
Residential	\$7.31 6.36 + \$16.32 14.19/unit	\$2.90 2.52
Multi-Family Residential	\$7.31 6.36 + \$10.87 9.45/unit	\$2.90 2.52
Commercial	\$7.31 6.36 + \$47.85 41.61/unit	\$5.12 4.45

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Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is 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, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect January 1, 2009 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 28th day of July, 2008.

APPROVED:


 Charles L Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Molly Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By: 

Carol A. Morris

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