

Presentation to City Council on TRT proposed to go from 7-9%

1) Who here has paid the Yachats City TRT in the past year?

a. Taxation without representation

2) Choices

a. Tax collection comparison

- i. Tax collected in 93-94 was \$176,253
- ii. Tax collected in 14-15 was \$564,996
- iii. That is \$388,473 more than collected in 93-94
- iv. 320% increase in 21 years
- v. Much higher than inflation!

b. What has the City done with that money? Choices

- i. Commons
 - 1. Voters turned down an operations levy for the Commons about 8 years ago
- ii. Commons programs
- iii. Ordinance enforcement
- iv. Miscellaneous public services
- v. Wages
- vi. Not streets!

3) Fairness

a. The TRT currently provides 76.7% of the city's general fund – ^{TABC} take out the Cash Carry forward.

- i. That means that the TRT already provides \$76,000 of the \$99,582 budgeted for this fiscal year – Streets that a vast majority of the visitors do not even use.
- ii. Additional revenues for the 2% TRT increase is \$170,857
 - 1. Of which \$51,257 has no restrictions – so visitors will be providing even more for our streets

b. My property taxes provided \$55.25 to the Yachats General fund for last year, or about \$0.15 per day

- i. A guest staying in a typical room at the Overleaf Lodge at this time of year will pay about \$14 per day in TRT. Almost 100X's the rate that we homeowners pay to the general fund.
- ii. In 4 days they will pay more to the General Fund than any of us do for a year.

c. How much more can you squeeze out of the Golden Goose? There is a tipping point

4) Cost to Yachats businesses

- a. City has budgeted TRT revenue to be \$598,000 for this fiscal year
- b. TRT will jump to \$768,000 if the TRT is increased to 9%

"Discretionary Funds"

- c. That is taking \$768,000 out of the private economy in Yachats
 - i. Thus folks cannot buy the kitchen tool at Juliths; the desert at the Drift Inn or Ona; the steak or case of beer at CK; the upgraded room at the Yachats Inn; the massage in the Overleaf Spa; the scone at the Green Salmon or the latte at the Village Bean.
 - ii. This does cost businesses

5) Summation

- a. This is not the way to fund additional resident services in Yachats
 - i. Tax payer is not represented
 - ii. Unfair – I ask you to check your property tax return
 - iii. Immoral and unethical
 - iv. Costs businesses
- b. Alternatives
 - i. Local option levy for street improvements
 - ii. Local option levy for the commons so that more \$ can be allocated to streets
- c. What does the City plan to do with the additional \$118,000 for this fiscal year that must be used for the following:
 - i. Fund Tourism promotion or tourism related facilities
 - ii. Finance or refinance the debt of tourism related facilities
- d. 'The Best Tax is a Tax that someone else pays'
- e. 'Taxes rates are as high as they have ever been, but they will never be this low again'

"TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION"

THE FIRESIDE MOTEL

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MEMO

DATE: October 5, 1994
 TO: Burd Bicksler
 FROM: Nancy Otterson, Assistant City Recorder
 SUBJECT: Information Request

BUSINESS licenses

Year	# of BL's ¹	Room Tax	Prop. Tax	Water Con ² in hcf
83-84	53 <i>(50)</i>	39,781	11,982	
84-85	54	41,527 ^{+11%}	12,701	
85-86	57	49,358 ^{+16%}	13,463	
86-87	56	54,709 ^{+10%}	14,270	
87-88	56	59,545 ^{+8%}	15,126	
88-89	68	68,015 ^{+12%}	16,034	
89-90	76	78,602 ^{+13%}	16,996	
90-91	69	107,411 ^{+27%}	18,015	5,148,199
91-92	61	135,214 ^{+21%}	19,095	5,141,820
92-93	76	155,618 ^{+13%}	20,240	5,132,704
93-94	101	176,253 ^{+12%}	20,240	5,097,805
94-95	89 so far	175,000 <i>Bud. figure</i>	21,454 <i>+15%</i>	

*Change
to
6%**94-95 207,008.99 - took in this amount**95-96 185,000 Budget so far 75,000 approx
for 1 full quarter plus
about 1/2 of 2nd*

¹ The number of Business Licenses before 1989-90 are approx. based on the total funds received for application fees as per audit and budget records. For 1989-90 to date the count is from the detail receipts report in the general ledger.

² Water Consumption is unavailable for prior years. Water records were manual until recently, and I have