

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 – <sup>TABC</sup> 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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DREW - THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT  
FIND THIS  
INTERESTING.  
-DREW*

MEMO

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

*BUSINESS Licenses*

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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