

ORDINANCE A-252
Public Hearing - Written Testomy
Eric Hill

From:
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 3:29 PM
To: EGBERT Sammy
Cc: Eric Hill
Subject: FW: Transportation Utility Fee

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to oppose the proposed Transportation Utility Fee, to further fund the Pavement Management Program. This is an unfair tax that is leaving a blank check for the taking.

- 1) The method of calculation on business, in our situation, has absolutely no bearing on the quantity and size of vehicles passing through Coburg.
- 2) One tax was already voted on and approved by voters. To institute another is wrong.
- 3) Additional taxes should be approved by voters. Likely both residents and business owners.
- 4) Many businesses are still recovering from the mandated lockdowns instituted by Oregon's politicians. Of which, this created a great loss in revenues. On top of that, Oregon's Governor – instituted a Corporate activity tax, regardless of profitability. Further leading to business losses. To grab more money is again wrong.
- 5) The majority of the heavy travel, and degradation to the roads within Coburg, are caused by traffic passing through (Semi-trucks, campers, sand and gravel trucks, heavy haul, etc.)
- 6) The roads in the worst repair, are rural streets, where homes are. Maybe new and future construction should be funding street improvements, maintenance, sidewalks, etc.
- 7) Maybe some consideration should be given to how much street frontage each business, home uses. Or simply use a head count.
- 8) Work to find a solution to use funds that were approved, don't add additional tax, and work within a less robust budget.

Thanks for considering.
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