

RESOLUTION 1472

A RESOLUTION NOT SUPPORTING THE HOTEL/MOTEL AND VEHICLE RENTAL TAX INCREASES FOR USE OF REGIONAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR PROPERTIES OWNED EITHER BY PORTLAND, METRO OR TRI-MET.

The Troutdale City Council Finds as Follows:

- 1. The four cities of East County are funding at the rate of 3% to Portland Area Visitors Association (POVA) and the operating revenue for the Oregon Convention Center; and**
- 2. The hotels, motels and vehicle rentals of east Multnomah County are already contributing their fair share, given the lesser benefits they receive from these facilities; and**
- 3. The business benefits decreases dramatically the further a business lies from that regional facility, hereto known as Oregon Convention Center; and**
- 4. In the first year alone the Hotel/Motel and Vehicle Rental Tax will collect \$450,000 in excess of what is needed to pay the bond issue. Of that East County Cities will generate \$430,000.; and**
- 5. Regional facilities such as the Oregon Convention Center should be supported by the whole region not just one subregion. As it is now only one county is assessing the Hotel/Motel and Vehicle Rental Tax; and**
- 6. Washington and Clackamas County are not being taxed, yet they also benefit from "access" to regional facilities; and**
- 7. Taxing only one of the three regions would put the East County cities at an economic disadvantage since our room tax will escalate to double what the other two counties are charging for their hotel/motel tax; and**
- 8. The East County cities have unmet hospitality and tourism needs. This area would benefit as an example by having our own exhibit hall/convention center complex for small and medium sized conventions; and**
- 9. Washington and Clackamas Counties are planning to provide their communities with facilities that would advance tourism and conventions in their region.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

To not hinder the industry of commerce and make our hotels and motels non-competitive to other counties in the region. We will continue to be a Regional partner but not if the other partners, i.e. Washington and Clackamas County are not providing their proportional share of tax revenues to these proposed projects as outlined in the September 9, 1999 M.O.U.

This tax as currently proposed and structured is patently unfair. Regional facilities should be regionally funded. City of Portland properties and even those owned by and managed by another government should be funded by that city.

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 2 (Thalhofer, Daoust)
ABSTAINED: 0


Paul Thalhofer, Mayor

Dated: 1-26-00


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: January 25, 2000