

MINUTES

of the

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON

MAY 12, 2017

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, CONVENED A PUBLIC HEARING ON FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017, AT 10:03 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII WITH CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE PRESIDING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 249-13, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AND SECTION 3.24.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

CHAIR WHITE: This public hearing of the Maui County Council shall please come to order.

Members, as you know, the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public testimony pursuant to Section 249-13 of Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Section 3.24.030 of the Maui County Code, regarding the Motor Vehicle Weight Tax rates for the Fiscal Year 2018.

Effective January 1, 2018, \$0.04 (four cents) per pound of net weight for passenger vehicles, and trucks and noncommercial vehicles exceeding 6,500 pounds. And that rate is currently \$0.03.

Effective January 1, 2018, \$0.0636 (six and thirty-six hundredths cents) per pound of net weight for all motor vehicles. And that is, that rate is currently \$0.0436.

And a minimum tax for any motor vehicle of \$12.00. Penalty for delinquent tax is \$8 for passenger vehicles and, or \$20 for other vehicles. No changes in those two items are being made.

So with that, Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ALIKA ATAY, ELEANORA COCHRAN, S. STACY CRIVELLO, DONALD S. GUZMAN, G. RIKI HOKAMA, KELLY T. KING, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR ROBERT CARROLL, AND CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE.

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, nine Members are present. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Clerk, was the Notice of the Public Hearing published?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, Notice of this Public Hearing on the Motor Vehicle Weight Tax rates for Fiscal Year 2018 was published in the May 2, 2017 and May 7, 2017 issues of the Maui News.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

And Members, all, please remember to silence your cellphones, and that goes to the folks in the, in the chambers as well.

Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with the presentation of testimony on the agenda item.

We have established limited telephone interactive communications that enables individuals from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai to provide testimony from our District Offices. Individuals who wish to offer testimony from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai should now sign up with their district staff.

Individuals who wish to offer testimony in the chamber, please sign up at the desk located on the eighth floor lobby, just outside the chamber door.

Testimony at all locations is limited to the item listed on today's agenda. And pursuant to the Rules of the Council, each testifier is allowed to testify for up to three minutes with one minute to conclude if requested. And when testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you represent.

Hana Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

MS. DAWN LONO: Good morning. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office, and there is no one waiting to testify.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Lanai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

MS. DENISE FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office, and there is no one waiting to testify.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Molokai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

MS. TINA THOMPSON: Good morning, Chair. This is Tina Thompson at the Molokai Council Office, and there is no one waiting to testify.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Mr. Chair, we have one individual who has signed up to testify in the chamber. And that individual is Mike Moran, President, Kihei Community Association.

TESTIMONY

MR. MIKE MORAN, KIHEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

Happy Aloha Friday, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MR. MORAN: And, to our Councilmembers as well. Mike Moran for the Kihei Community Association. As you might imagine, when we asked our community were they in

favor of raising taxes; unanimously, no. We mentioned to them, do you want improvements; unanimously, yes.

So, we told them well that's the only way, guys. You have to get some reasonable taxes. And our suggestion to our community was, our mantra is walkable, bikeable community; more people should be walking and biking. The roads would wear more slowly, and you wouldn't need as much. Also, if you're not happy with tax increases on those big monster trucks, drive a smaller vehicle, you'll pay less.

So, the best we could ask was we asked, excuse me, for support. We couldn't actually get support, but we did get no opposition to these reasonable increases. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Moran.

Members, any need for clarification? Seeing none, thank you for being here this morning.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, there is no other individual in the District Offices nor the chamber who wish to offer testimony.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Members, we have received written testimony. Without objection, we'll receive it into the record.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WRITTEN TESTIMONY RECEIVED FROM SUSAN (OKFINE@HAWAIIANTEL.NET) WAS MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

And without objection, we'll close public testimony.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much.

We are adjourned at this point. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing of May 12, 2017, was adjourned by the Chair at 10:09 a.m.



DENNIS A. MATEO, COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

FW: Vehicle license fees

Mike White

Mon 5/8/2017 12:06 PM

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From: susan [mailto:okfine@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: Mike White <Mike.White@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Vehicle license fees

I see that once again the county is attempting to raise the vehicle license fees. We own several semi trucks as well as the trailers that they pull; plus pickup trucks. The fees for one semi with a trailer is approximately \$2200.00 per year- Some companies can't afford it so they put the vehicles in storage so you lose more of it. I have asked the MPD regarding my question, they say it's up to DMV; DMV says it is up to MPD. I have written to the governor and KHON2 has been given this information. Here is the question you need to look into. When someone purchases a truck or a cargo van, they are required to sign a legal document stating that it will not be used for commercial or business use. They pay the non-commercial rates which are much less than the commercial plates, (commercial plates have the numbers first and then the letters). They then go and have their business name put on the vehicles. Why are they not sited somehow? How about when they go to get their safety check? The name on the registration doesn't match what is on the truck. I took someone to get their drivers license once with my car. The insurance was under the company name; the car was under my name. They refused to let them use the car until the two items matched. When they are doing seat belt checks; they could check for that. Just drive around and see how many hundreds of vehicles you see. If they would pay their fair share; you could let those of us that already pay such high fees not have to bear the burden of the illegal vehicles on the roads.