

New tax on car rentals aimed at helping local residents

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Students who don't mind renting inexpensive cars will benefit from the Lane County Board of Commissioners' new car rental tax.

The current county tax of 5 percent on car rentals jumps to 9 percent on July 1, when the Lane County budget takes effect. However, cars that rent for \$20 or less will be exempt from the tax.

The car rental tax first was implemented in 1983 to help fund park maintenance because of a perceived connection by Lane County commissioners between parks, tourism and rental cars.

Chuck Pape, the manager of Rent-A-Volks and a chief proponent of the rental car tax exemption, said he believes the exemption will benefit University students and local residents, who shouldn't have to pay a tax.

The commissioners "liked the idea of giving the local resident and voter a break and maybe narrowing the tax down a little bit further," Pape said.

"Basically we got the ball rolling, did some heavy

lobbying and arm twisting, and one by one we got the commissioners to fall in line."

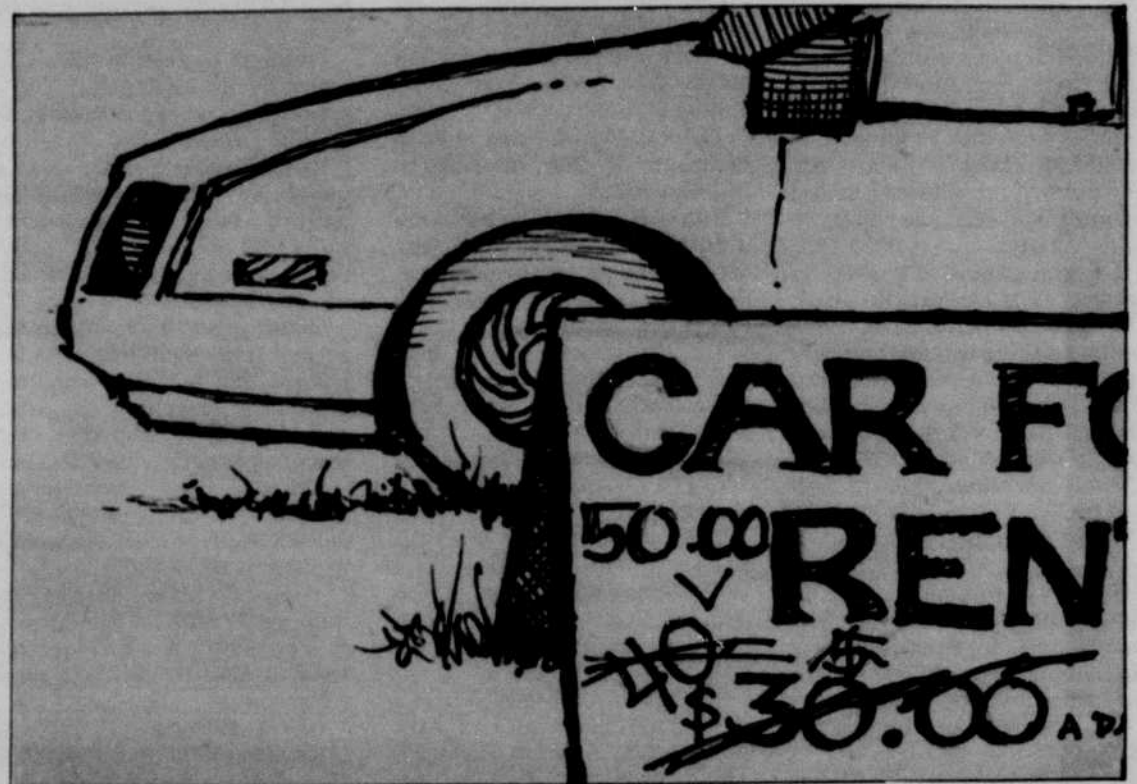
To rent a car for a three-day weekend in June for \$44.50 would cost \$2.25 in tax. But after the new tax takes effect on July 9, no tax would be charged. Renters must remember to include the cost of mileage in the rental fee, however.

The car rental tax is "targeted to get some money from the out-of-towners who are going to use and enjoy these parks," said Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust.

Commission Chairman Bill Rogers, the only commissioner opposed to the rental car tax increase, disagrees with the tourist/parks/rental car relationship.

"(Commissioners) who were proponents to begin with said that all these tourists come here, rent cars and go out to look at our parks, and I don't believe a word of it," Rogers said. "That was their logic and I think that's as phony as anything could be."

According to Pape and Kelly Brooks, the manager of Ford Rent-A-Car System, less than 10 percent of their business comes



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from non-Lane County residents.

"The majority of my customers are people who have been in accidents, are getting replacement vehicles, students and local people who are get-

ting their cars worked on," Brooks said.

Even though Rogers voted against the 4 percent tax increase, he said he supports the proposed exemption.

"It's simply less paper work if a rental agency has 75 percent of their business in the less than \$20 category," Rogers said.

Although many car rental agencies support Pape's tax exemption, Brooks does not. She said she believes the exemption on rentals that cost \$20 or less will hurt her agency more than others because Ford rents out newer and more expensive vehicles.

"What's going to happen is people are going to look for less expensive vehicles because of the fact that they're not going to be taxed on anything less than \$20 a day," she said.

"There's a good probability that as the rates rise that people will just do without," Pape said.

Brooks agreed. "Now 9 percent is a heck of a lot more than the present tax — it's even more than the California sales tax," she said.

Brooks said it is "ridiculous" to support park maintenance with this tax.

"I think they need to come up with a park-user fee," she said. "I'd be more than happy to pay to use the park system."

She added that even if the majority of her business came from tourists, she wouldn't want to tax them so much.

The commissioners considered funding the parks system with other types of revenue sources, such as a restaurant tax, a business tax and a real property transfer tax.

"I would say that there are no more than a half-dozen agencies that are affected, and yes, there's a little grumbling," Rust said. "But the old thing about taxes is that the only good tax is when it's someone else who pays. There is no such thing as a good tax."

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