

Business Tax Measure Halted

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Proposed Tax On City Business Listed In Councilman Sheldon's Measure

The following list is a summary of proposed city license fees to be paid either annually or semi-annually by Ashland businessmen in a measure brought before the Council by Councilman Elmer Sheldon at last Tuesday night's meeting.

- Auto Courts \$24 per year.
- Barber Shops \$24 per year with 1 chair and \$10 per year more for every additional chair.
- Beauty Shops \$24 per year.
- Bakeries \$24 per year.
- Bowling Alleys \$40 per year.
- Bottling Works \$24 per year.
- Blacksmith and Welding Shops \$24 per year.
- Bicycle Shops \$24 per year.
- Broadcasting Stations \$50 per year.
- Cabinet Shops \$24 per year.
- Car and Trailer Dealers \$24 per year.
- City Transfers \$24 per year.
- City Transfers having also wood, coal and fuel oil, oil stoves and appliances \$50 per year.
- Canneries \$75 per year.
- Cobblers \$24 per year.
- Creameries \$40 per year.
- Circuses, Carnivals, Dog Shows, Etc. \$50 per day.
- Contractors \$40 per year.
- Dry Goods Stores \$24 per year.
- Dry Cleaners \$24 per year.
- Drug Stores \$24 per year.
- Drug Store and Fountain combination \$40 per year.
- Dress Shops \$24 per year.
- Dairies \$24 per year. Selling milk and cream only. \$40 per year, selling butter, cheese, etc., in addition to milk and cream.
- Electric Appliance Stores \$40 per year.
- Fruit and Vegetable Stands \$24 per year. Any fruit stand operating and selling only their own products are license free.
- Furniture Stores \$40 per year.
- Furnishers \$24 per year.
- Fraternal Orders operating bar, dining room or restaurant \$100 per year.
- Feed and Seed Stores \$24 per year.
- Grocery Stores \$24 per year.
- Garages \$24 per year.
- Garages with Car Agencies \$40 per year.
- Gents Furnishing Stores \$24 per year.
- Greenhouses and Nurseries \$24 per year.
- Gas companies handling stoves and appliances \$50 per year.
- Gift Shops \$24 per year.
- Hotels \$1 per room per year.
- Hardware Stores \$24 per year.
- Ice and Storage \$24 per year.
- Includes Locker Plants.
- Insurance Agencies of all types \$24 per year.
- Jewelry Shops \$24 per year.
- Laundries \$40 per year.
- Lumber Yards \$50 per year.
- Lunch Counters \$24 per year.

- Music Stores and Piano Houses \$24 per year.
 - Meat Markets \$24 per year.
 - Mortuary \$100 per year.
 - Newspapers, Daily \$100 per year. Weekly, \$24 per year.
 - Out of City Contractors \$40 per year.
 - Pool Halls \$40 per year.
 - Parts Houses \$24 per year.
 - Peddlers \$5 per day.
 - Paint Contractors employing one or more men \$24 per year.
 - Photographers \$24 per year.
 - Plumbing Shops \$24 per year.
 - Packing Houses \$75 per year.
 - Paint and Paper Stores \$24 per year.
 - Poultry and Egg Company \$24 per year.
 - Professional men and women including attorney, physician or surgeon, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, pharmacist, veterinarian, artist, architect, auctioneer, engineer, assayer, surveyor, public stenographer, public accountant, or any other profession \$24 per year.
 - Restaurants \$24 per year.
 - Real Estate Dealers \$24 per year.
 - Radio Shops \$24 per year.
 - Service Stations \$24 per year.
 - Sawmills \$75 per year.
 - Small Confectioneries \$24 per year.
 - Stationery Stores \$24 per year.
 - Swimming Pools \$24 per year.
 - Skating Rinks \$24 per year.
 - Sporting Goods Stores \$24 per year.
 - Second Hand Stores \$24 per year.
 - Sand, Gravel and Readymix \$75 per year.
 - Trucks coming into town to deliver or sell merchandise or produce of any description \$24 per year.
 - Trailer Courts \$24 per year.
 - Tire Shops \$24 per year.
 - Taxi Cabs \$24 per year. This fee is per cab.
 - Tank and Steel \$75 per year.
 - Upholstery Shops \$24 per year.
 - Variety Stores \$24 per year.
 - Wholesale Grocers and Wholesale Groceries and Produce Dealers \$100 per year.
- If there are one or more than one business operating under the same roof each business will be charged separately for a city license and not as just one business.
- For instance — Restaurant and Fountain; Grocery Store with Meat Market and Bakery; Department Stores with Jewelry, Dry Goods Electric Appliances, Etc.; Garage with Parts Department; Hardware with Plumbing; and any other combination business operating under the same roof.

College Offers Salesman Class

A night class in salesmanship will get under way at Southern Oregon college tonight, Jan. 5. The class is open to both college students and businessmen who are interested in the course.

Craft Classes Start Thursday At Y.M.C.A.

The Ashland Y.M.C.A. Adult Group in Crafts will start its winter series of meetings on Thursday, January 5th. Shellcraft and Internal Carving in Plastics will be included in the activities for this group during the next ten weeks.

SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Berge of Crescent City spent the holidays with Mrs. Berge's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sutherland of Nutley St.



BIG BIRD WINGS AWAY—Douglas Aircraft's giant C-124 Globemaster II transport leaves the runway for the first time at Long Beach, Calif. Designed to carry 200 troops with field equipment, tanks, field guns, and fully loaded trucks, the plane is expected to fly 50,000 pounds of payload 850 miles, unload, and return to its base without refueling.

Ashland Lions Plan Membership Drive In January

The Ashland Lions club is conducting a concentrated membership drive during the month of January, honoring Melvin Jones, founder of the organization. It has been announced by Roland Parks, membership chairman, and Bob Snider, president of the local club.

VISIT IN ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. William Fox and daughter Toby Kay spent the holidays with Mr. Fox's sister in Albany.

Police Chief Report Shows Busy Year

Statistics didn't prove dry reading on Tuesday evening when Chief of Police Vern Smith made his report to the Ashland City Council. In the eight and a half months in office Chief Smith has carried out a program comparable to that of many a larger city.

Chamber Registers Job Hunters Here

Bill McGee, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, states that the local office has had many inquiries and registrations from job-seekers during the past few weeks and has urged that employers who are in need of workers get in touch with his office.

Council Presents Baughman Gift

The Ashland city council, during a recess in its Tuesday night meeting, presented retiring fire chief Clint Baughman with a gift in token of appreciation of the work Baughman has done during his years of active service in the fire department here.

Congregational Church To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and dinner of the Congregational church will be held on Thursday January 5th at 6:30. Following a cover-dish dinner the year's work will be reported by the various departments and officers will be elected for the coming year.

Rabbit Raisers To Open Plant For Processing

The new processing plant for the Rogue River Valley Rabbit Marketing Association which is now under construction in Talent will be in operation by Jan. 15th according to Lloyd Wells, the manager.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors the officers for 1950 were elected. William B. McCullough of Ashland, president, Cecil Kee of Trail, vice-president, Paul Haviland of Medford, secretary, C. K. Oliver of Shady Cove, treasurer and Lloyd Wells of Talent, manager. Other directors of the Association are Herbert Meisner of Gold Hill, Lysle McCoy of Ashland and W. Wirt of Trail.

KWIN To Bring Casaba Games

Radio station KWIN has announced that it will broadcast the Southern Oregon college-San Francisco State basketball game, to be played Friday night, January 6.

Councilman Sheldon Asks Attorney Refrain From Drafting Ordinance

Councilman Elmer E. Sheldon, in a telephone conversation with the publisher of the News Review late Wednesday afternoon, said that he had requested city attorney Skerry to refrain from drafting a proposed ordinance pertaining to a business tax in Ashland when the city attorney had pointed out that a two-thirds majority vote of the council was necessary for such a measure.

Article 7, Section 5, of the city charter requires that a business tax proposal must pass by a two-third majority margin of the council. Mr. Sheldon said that he offered the proposed tax in an effort to obtain a means of raising funds needed by the city government without adding a burden to residents who are living on small fixed incomes.

Mayor Williams Casts Deciding Ballot Favoring Tax Ordinance On Business

Mayor Tom Williams cast the tie-breaking vote favoring a tax on city business houses when the question came to a vote at Tuesday night's meeting. Councilman E. E. Sheldon presented the measure with the recommendation that it be drawn as an ordinance to be passed later by the council, and on the first vote the measure was defeated by a 4-2 vote.

Charles H. Blake, Ashland Pioneer, Buried Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Litwiler funeral home for Charley Hervey Blake, 82, who died at his home on Beach street last Friday morning. A life-long resident of Ashland, Mr. Blake was born here on April 17, 1867, the son of pioneers of this community, and was a machinist by trade.

FAITH McCULLOUGH JOINS NEWS REVIEW STAFF

Faith McCullough has joined the staff of the News Review as local news and society editor. Mrs. McCullough, who formerly operated the Hobby Shop in Ashland, has had several years experience in magazine feature writing.

TO SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Alice A. Peil and Mrs. Hallie Endicott expect to leave on Saturday for San Francisco. Both will spend several weeks in the Bay Area after which Mrs. Endicott will go to Santa Cruz for the remainder of the winter and Mrs. Peil will travel on down the coast.

MOVE TO BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sewell left on Saturday for San Diego where they will spend the next month visiting Mr. Sewell's parents. The first of February they both expect to enter the University of California and will make their home in Berkeley.

other towns he knows of has a similar tax. Councilman Sheldon estimated that the business tax would raise in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$15,000. No statement was made as to how or where the tax monies would be used should the final ordinance putting the tax into effect be passed when it comes up for a final vote.

Was Voted July 19 The same measure came before the council last July 19 at which time it was vetoed by a 4-1 margin. At this meeting Councilmen Neill, Homes, Kroeger and Stansbury voted against the measure while Sheldon favored the tax.

Tuesday night's action did not actually invoke the business tax, but ordered city attorney Harry Skerry to draw an ordinance pertaining to such tax, to be voted on later. Councilmen discussed the possibility of some revisions in its final reading.

The tax was adjudged a money-raising project other than a protection for local businessmen. Refuse Fire Station Site

A letter was read the council from Steve Zarka, who offered the city his Associated service station site and adjoining house for the purpose of a fire station at the price of \$65,000. In turn Zarka offered to buy from the city the present Third street building which had originally been planned for a fire station, at a price of \$13,000, the sum paid for the building by the city.

Councilman Neill moved that City Recorder J. B. Austin notify Mr. Zarka that the city was not interested in the transaction and the following vote was unanimous.

Williams Lists Appointments For Coming Year

Mayor Williams held up appointment of a fire chief to replace former Chief Baughman, whose resignation became effective Jan. 3, until a near future date.

The Mayor likewise held up appointment of a Utilities superintendent, an office formerly filled by Elmer Beigel.

Beigel was named Electric superintendent and it was indicated that other duties formerly under his supervision would be passed on to another since it was assumed Beigel had in the past been given more duties than could be properly cared for.

Vern Smith was renamed Police Chief by Mayor Williams who stated that he believed Smith had performed very capably in his position during the past eight and one-half months he has served the city.

Albert Day was again appointed street superintendent and Earl R. Hosler was re-appointed water superintendent.

Harry A. Skerry, jr., was re-appointed City Attorney. Other committees remained the same as for last year.