

Bill holds parents responsible for shoplifting fines

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SALEM—In the rush of the final days of the 60th Legislative Assembly, one measure likely to emerge successfully from the stampede holds the promise of reducing the amount of shoplifting in the state.

Recommended for passage by a House Judiciary subcommittee following success in the Senate, SB 893 holds parents liable for the shoplifting escapades of their children and allows merchants to extract penalties from the parents in excess of the value of the pilfered merchandise.

The bill introduced at the request of the Oregon Retail Council, is patterned after similar legislation in the state of Washington. According to Dennis Gogolski, corporate security manager for the Payless Drug Store Chain, shoplifting losses in Washington have dropped 41 percent since the law was implemented in 1975.

Even so Gogolski said, last year's shoplifting losses throughout the 80-store chain are estimated at more than \$3 million. During that same period, store security personnel apprehended about 11,000 shoplifters—a number Gogolski considers only the tip of the iceberg.

"With security personnel, our statistics indicate you catch about 1 out of every 10 shoplifters. Without security, that figure becomes about 1 out of every 35."

Statistics like that, proponents of the bill told the subcommittee during recent hearings, indicate the necessity of such legislation in Oregon, where annual shoplifting losses are estimated in excess of \$70 million.

Opposition to the bill centers around the aspect of SB 893 that is probably most responsible for its effectiveness—the notion of parental responsibility.

Sen. Walt Brown, D-Lake Oswego, was one of seven senators opposing the legislation on the Senate floor. Brown, who unsuccessfully sponsored anti-shoplifting

legislation in the 1977 session, says he is most concerned about the "vicarious liability" parents incur under provisions of the measure.

Brown's ill-fated 1977 legislation would have made parents liable for the cost of the stolen merchandise up to \$5,000.

In contrast, SB 893 essentially makes parents liable for twice the value of the merchandise plus an additional penalty of at least \$100. In theory, at least, a merchant would be able to demand—and could collect—as much as \$250.40 from the parents of a child who pilfered a pack of chewing gum. The least the parents could get off with is \$100.40. If the parents balked at the payment, the merchant could seek a judgement through small claims court, eliminating much of the merchant's cost entailed in seeking relief through conventional court processes.

The notion of civil penalties for the parents, agrees Payless' security executive, is perhaps the least popular aspect of Washington's law—especially among the parents of young culprits. "Parents are much more resentful," Gogolski said, "that they are responsible for their children's actions—much more so than when they're apprehended for their own actions."

Another concern about the legislation, voiced by Rep. Tom Mason, D-Portland, questioned the liability of guardians—including the state Children's Services Division, which frequently serves in that role while attempting to place children in foster homes.

Mason said he worried that the state would become liable for damages and penalties when minors in their care were apprehended for shoplifting.

Mason additionally expressed concern that the penalties could be extracted despite a "not guilty" verdict in any related criminal action.

To become law, the bill still needs the endorsement of the House of Representatives and Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the Lexington City Council will be held on July 3, 1979 at 8:00 a.m. at Lexington City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979 as approved by the City of Lexington (Municipal Corporation) Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at the residence of Lois Allyn, Recorder between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM. The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting consistent not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

Morrow (County) Lexington (City) 6-11-79 Lee Padberg, Mayor (Chairperson of Governing Body)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	Total Personal Services (Includes all payroll costs)	3,600.	3,020.
	Total Materials and Services	36,443.	20,355.
	Total Capital Outlay	15,813.	57,036.
	Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	23,752.	26,028.
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES		79,608.	106,439.
ANTICIPATED REVENUES	Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	78,169.	97,514.
	Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	1,439.	8,925.
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES		79,608.	106,439.
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY	Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	1,439.	8,925.
	Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received (Discounts Allowed and Taxes Not Paid)	187.	1,160.
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	1,626.	10,085.
SUMMARY OF TAX LEVY	Levy Within Tax Base	1,626.	1,723.
	One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base	-	-
	Serial Levies and Continuing Levies	-	8,362.
	Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt	-	-

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		DEBT OUTSTANDING THIS YEAR 78-79	DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED NEXT YEAR 79-80
NONE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AS SUMMARIZED BELOW		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TYPE OF DEBT	DEBT OUTSTANDING		DEBT AUTHORIZED, NOT INCURRED	
	This Year as of July 1, 78	Next Year as of July 1, 79	This Year as of July 1, 79	Next Year as of July 1, 80
Bonds	140,493.	139,221.	-	-
Interest Bearing Warrants	-	-	-	-
Short Term Notes	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	140,493.	139,221.	-	-

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

	WATER BOND PRINCIPAL & INTEREST		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	8,522.	8,522.	8,522.	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	8,522.	8,522.	8,522.	-
Total Resources	8,522.	8,522.	8,522.	-

	WATER BOND PAYMENT RESERVE		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	2,350.	3,400.	4,250.	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	2,350.	3,400.	4,250.	-
Total Resources	2,350.	3,400.	4,250.	-

	EQUIPMENT RESERVE		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	3,600.	3,645.	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	3,600.	3,645.	-	-
Total Resources	3,600.	3,645.	-	-

	CITY CABLE SERVICE		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	300.	300.	300.	-
Total Materials and Services	1,507.	5,610.	2,265.	-
Total Capital Outlay	1,269.	3,958.	2,530.	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	2,495.	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	5,571.	9,868.	5,095.	-
Total Resources	5,571.	9,868.	5,095.	-

	ROADS		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	3,636.	14,990.	5,734.	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	600.	40,000.	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	12,299.	310.	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	15,935.	16,200.	46,184.	-
Total Resources	15,935.	16,200.	46,184.	-

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FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

	STATE REVENUE SHARING		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	-	1,000.	-
Total Capital Outlay	750.	760.	553.	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	750.	760.	1,553.	-
Total Resources	750.	760.	1,553.	-

	WATER		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	943.	1,200.	1,100.	-
Total Materials and Services	4,031.	6,578.	5,510.	-
Total Capital Outlay	2,361.	3,150.	3,000.	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	10,971.	8,972.	11,786.	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	18,306.	19,900.	21,396.	-
Total Resources	18,306.	19,900.	21,396.	-

	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	2,148.	301.	-
Total Capital Outlay	761.	-	2,285.	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	1,040.	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	1,801.	2,148.	2,586.	-
Total Resources	1,801.	2,148.	2,586.	-

	LDCD-PLANNING		FUND	
	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 77-78	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 78-79	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 79-80	
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	6,107.	225.	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and Requirements	6,107.	225.	-	-
Total Resources	6,107.	225.	-	-

FUNDS REQUIRING AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BE LEVIED

	GENERAL			FUND OR PROGRAM
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year	
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	1,024.	1,800.	1,170.	-
Total Materials and Services	3,737.	6,892.	5,545.	-
Total Capital Outlay	50.	8,125.	1,268.	-
Total All Other Requirements	2,100.	1,788.	1,470.	-
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	17,298.	18,605.	9,453.	-
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	15,997.	17,166.	7,928.	-
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	1,301.	-	-	-
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance Estimated Tax Not to be Received	-	1,439.	1,525.	-
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied	-	1,439.	1,525.	-
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation	-	1,626.	1,723.	-
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)	-	1,626.	1,723.	-
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)	-	-	-	-
Not Subject to Limitation	-	-	-	-

	FIRE TRUCK SERIAL LEVY			FUND OR PROGRAM
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year	
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	-	-	-	-
Total Materials and Services	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	7,400.	-
Total All Other Requirements	-	-	-	-
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	-	-	7,400.	-
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	-	-	0.	-
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	-	-	-	-
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance Estimated Tax Not to be Received	-	-	7,400.	-
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied	-	-	962.	-
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation	-	-	8,362.	-
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation	-	-	0.	-
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)	-	-	8,362.	-
Not Subject to Limitation	-	-	0.	-

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Court will hold a public hearing on June 27, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. in the Morrow County Annex Building in Irrigon to review amendments to the following:

- The City of Lone's Comprehensive Plan and Joint Management Agreement
- The City of Lexington's Comprehensive Plan and Joint Management Agreement
- The City of Heppner's Comprehensive Plan and Joint Management Agreement

The public hearing will also include consideration of ordinances to adopt each city's

plan for the area outside city limits and inside the Urban Growth Boundary as amendments to the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Morrow County Court
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Morrow County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 25, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrow County Court House in Heppner, Oregon. A public hearing will be held on the following:

- Application by Donald O. Robinson for change of Zone from Qualified Farm to Farm. Tp. 2 S, Rg. 26 EWM—Section 35, T.L. No. 3700, located on Highway No. 74, adjacent to the city limits of Heppner, Oregon.

Interested persons are invited to the hearing and express their views. Written signed statements will be considered. Reasons for disapproval should be included in oral or written statements.

Dorris L. Graves,
Chairperson
Morrow County
Planning Dept.

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