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I have a small construction company with many trailers for different operations, large flatbeds for lumber, small flatbeds for tight remodels, the same with cargo trailers, dump trailers, equipment trailers etc. Even though I'm a 1 man operation, why would you think I should have 11 registration fees go up even though I only use 1 at a time in this Oregon economy?

Why raise our gas tax when we already pay MORE than most of the US average? Why do I even re-register my vehicles every 2 years? Did you forget I own them?, How does increasing these fees help my Company find work and profit more to pay them?

No matter how much money taxpayers pay in my opinion, things will never get maintained or fixed. Just New Ideas that cost Millions more, Maintain the proper drivable streets we have first. Then Learn how to budget!. Homeowners tax + Lottery + Gas tax, Registration Tax + Fuel Tax, Liquor Tax + Cigarette Tax + Business Tax + Sales Tax now on Vehicles, State tax, Federal tax, working in Portland Tax, Tariffs cost, where do all these taxes go, and who allocates it to whom? More money doesn't solve the problem; it just enables more problems. (Handing a Crack addict more money to go get help to fix his problems doesn't fix it, we have to retrain their brain, show them better options, put them back into society where they're useful. Our transportation Team uses Money instead of Crack, same problem, we need more.) A real working budget with correct budgets, cutting waste, and overpaid people is your job. Prioritize your budgets to work! Shop cost out! Find affordability, and if can't then you make it!

The people who pay your wages, you need to earn their respect back, and when our City is amazing and affordable to live in, you know you did a good job, and we can increase the rent.