## **Department of County Management**

## **MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON**

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## Multnomah County Motor Vehicle Rental Tax Filers

Dear Taxfiler:

On May 14, 2009, Multnomah County's Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance #1132, amending the Motor Vehicle Rental Tax. Effective June 15, 2009, the base rate of the tax will increase from 10% to 14.5%. The new base rate is in addition to the previously existing surcharge of 2.5% which helps to fund the Visitors Facilities Trust Account (VFTA).

The new effective tax rate for motor vehicle rentals will total 17%. This increase represents the first change to the base rate since the tax was imposed in 1976 and the only increase since 2001.

The County's Motor Vehicle Rental Tax is administered by the Treasurer's Office which can be reached at (503) 988-3290. The Ordinance can be seen in full at <a href="https://www.multco.us">www.multco.us</a> under "Ordinances" within the "Government" tab.

The new tax will be applied to vehicle rentals in Multnomah County beginning on June 15, 2009. Motor Vehicle Rental Tax revenues are an important source of funds providing vital services to our community.

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