

PORTERVILLE.COM
PORTERVILLE ONLINE
PORTERVILLE WIRELESS

OCSNET.NET
OACYS.COM



OLSON
COMPUTER
SERVICES

NETWORKING THE
COMMUNITY
SINCE 1982

N E W S L E T T E R J U L Y 2 0 1 4
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT NEWSLETTERS, NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES, OR TO SIGN UP FOR NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

Internet access tax

Permanent Internet tax ban moves forward in the House

In a time of seemingly endless taxation, you may have noticed that your monthly Internet bill from us does not include a tax.

That's because of the Internet Tax Freedom Act of 1998, which imposed a moratorium banning federal, state and local governments from taxing Internet access. However, it's set to expire this November.



Seeking to avoid a fourth extension, a new bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives. Called the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act, it would make the ban permanent.

A similar bill in the Senate, called the Internet Tax Freedom Forever Act, is currently languishing in committee.

"You'd think that the bill would be a no-brainer for members of Congress since they're not actually being asked to do anything new" says Kelly Phillips Erb, a tax attorney writing at Forbes.com.

However, the problem relates to nine states that were exempted from the original moratorium, since they were already taxing Internet access prior to the ITFA's enactment in 1998. The proposed permanent ban would remove that grandfather clause, raising complaints about federal interference with states' rights.

"That could be a significant issue in an election year" continues Ms. Erb. Even if the other 41 states would not be affected, "they may be concerned about Congress' desire to barge in and snatch away existing revenue streams. It could be viewed as an overreach of power – and that's not a popular stance. It puts many politicians into a quandary by forcing them to take a stand on which they hate more: taxes or the federal government telling states what to do."

So what will happen? Ms. Erb says nobody knows for sure, but her guess is that the original ITFA will simply get extended yet again, but not permanently, and without lifting the grandfather clause on the individual states ... "at least for now."



Independence Day 1776-2014

Like us on
Facebook!



ocsnet.net/facebook
oacys.com/facebook
porterville.com/facebook



Our Military Men & Women
AMERICASUPPORTSYOU.MIL

The OCS home page has received over 17.9 million hits – contact us for local advertising information!

Work from home

Call OCS to connect your home to your office or tie multiple offices together, all at high speed and with full VPN security, anywhere in the Valley or beyond.

Need qualified computer or network maintenance?
Give us a call!

THE NATIONWIDE OCS REFERRAL PROGRAM

If you refer a friend, family, or business associate to OCS, tell them to mention your name and you'll receive up to a month of free service! **Our subscribers have earned \$72,380 so far** – click Referrals on our home page for details! Your friends may simply click *Subscribe* to apply for service online.



OVER 1.1 **BILLION** VIRUSES, SPAM, AND PHISHING ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY THE OCS CENTRAL SYSTEM
CALL US ABOUT OCS OFFICE SCAN!

OFFICE HOURS WEEKDAYS 8-5 • SATURDAYS 9-5 • CLOSED SUNDAY
767 NORTH PORTER ROAD • PORTERVILLE CA 93257 • 559-781-4123

OCS Support Services

OCS provides a variety of state of the art support services – here are just two examples:

Remote Support. When one of our subscribers is having a problem on their computer, our technicians can usually talk them through a solution over the phone. However it's sometimes difficult to see the complete picture, especially with so many different versions of Windows and Mac OS still in regular use.

When the situation calls for it, we use "GoToAssist" to provide our technicians with a direct view of your computer, just as though they were sitting right beside you. They can then either see what you're doing and help guide you, or they can manipulate your mouse and keyboard while you watch.

This direct access is highly secure, it's encrypted, and it lasts only until the support session ends ... so there are no security risks.

Managed IT. Is your company system healthy? How would your business survive with no access to your network servers and desktops? If your system went down, would your business be impacted?

OACYS Managed Services can monitor, maintain and help support your network, servers and desktops on a 24/7 basis. Available services can include help with managing backups, antivirus, disk space, networking, external websites, security, email, hardware, performance and much more.

Setup is quick and easy, and option plans are much more affordable than in-house IT management ... call Mark Johnson at OCS for more information.



Stuck in a contract?

Bring it in and we may be able to waive up to \$100 from your OCS startup costs!

Fan Mail



"Thanks for all your great services. I've been with OCS since 1995 and would never think of changing, you are the best ISP anywhere. I've recommended many friends and family to change to you, and not one has regretted doing so." -KL

Tired of satellite or Clearwire? You're not alone ...

many of our new OCS accounts are customers switching from satellite, DSL, Clear[wire] and others. Tell your friends and receive a referral credit for up to a month's free service.

OACYS WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

Wireless Plan Types	Average Speeds (Mbps)		Monthly Usage	Mailboxes	One-Time Fees		Monthly Service
	Max	Typical			Installation	Equipment Deposit	
	(Note 1)		(Note 2)		(Note 3)		
RESIDENTIAL							
Basic	1.5M	1M	20GB	5	100.00	100.00	49.95
Premium	3M	2M	30GB	5			79.95
BUSINESS							
Business	3.5M	2.5M	40GB	10			129.95
Professional	4.5M	3.5M	50GB	25			159.95
Corporate	6M	4.5M	60GB	30			199.95
Enterprise	8M	6.5M	80GB	40			249.95
MOUNTAINS							
Yokohl, Balch, Bear Creek	(Note 4)						
Alpine, Pierpoint, Nelson	750K	375K	8GB	5			69.95

(1) Residential and Mountain Area plans are asymmetrical, with uploads at 50% of download speeds. All Business plans are symmetrical.
 (2) Usage is the allowed bandwidth per month. Surcharges apply for excess usage.
 (3) Equipment deposit is fully refundable upon service termination after one year. No contracts are required.
 (4) Add \$10 monthly rural service fee to any Residential or Business plan.

I Didn't Know That!

- OCS provides "A-to-Z" technology services
- Complete computer service and repair shop
- Variety of Internet access plans and packages
- Professional website development and hosting
- Programming and custom development
- eCommerce solutions
- Computer and Internet technology consulting
- Secure branch office inter-networking
- Internet-based "VOIP" telephone services

To set Account Preferences or make Payments Online, click **UserAdmin** on our website

On the road? Call our toll-free support at 888-OACYSKOM