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Contra Costa County



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To: Owners and Users of Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices and Point-of-Sale Systems

RE: 2020 ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, DEVICE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FEES

Reference (a) California Business and Professions Code Sections 12240, 12241, and 13350(d)
(b) Contra Costa County Ordinance Code Title 5, Division 522, Chapter 522-2

These fees authorized by reference (a) and (b), are required to offset a portion of the costs of inspecting and testing weighing and measuring devices, and the pricing accuracy of point-of-sale systems (scanners). Additionally, we are required by Assembly Bill No. 1623 to collect a California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standard (DMS) administrative fee listed in the attached table, column three, that partially offsets the costs incurred by the State for support and administering the Device Compliance Program.

The annual registration fee consists of a device fee, DMS admin fee, and the location fee. The device fee is computed by multiplying the unit price with the number of devices and then the fee cap is applied when applicable. The DMS admin fee is computed by multiplying the unit price by the number of devices. The location fee is then added. The cap only applies to certain device fees, when they exceed the amount in the attached table column "Fee Cap".

Each vehicle is considered a location under this law, with regards to mounted units such as taximeters or wholesale fuel meters.

The business location fee may be reduced by 50 percent for small business that earned a gross income of \$60,000 or less and has only one business location/vehicle in the county. Please provide proof of last year's gross income tax return to the Contra Costa County Division of Weights and Measures.

The annual registration fee is typically due upon receipt of this invoice. However, in response to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders issued by the County Health Officer we are extending the invoice due date. No late fees will be assessed if the full amount is paid within 120 days from the date of invoice. A 50 percent penalty fee in addition to the original fee will be assessed to fees paid after 120 days. Accounts unpaid after 150 days will be assessed a 100 percent penalty fee. Please contact Stephanna Hidalgo or Roxann Crosby at (925) 608-6600 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Slattengren".

Matthew Slattengren
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures