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Date: August 2, 2024

To: Riverside County Commercial Weighing and Measuring Device Owners

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Riverside County Ordinance No. 620 – "Inspection and Testing of Non-Commercial Weighing and Measuring Instruments Ordinance."

The Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is committed to upholding the highest standards of consumer protection and ensuring fair market practices. As part of this commitment, we regularly review and adjust our policies and fee structures to better align with operational costs and statutory requirements.

In accordance with this, we are proposing several amendments to Ordinance No. 620, which governs the imposition of charges for the inspection and testing of certain commercial and non-commercial weighing and measuring instruments.

Key Changes Proposed:

1. **Updated Fee Schedule:** Adjustments to the fees for the inspection and testing of both commercial (upon request) and non-commercial devices to reflect current operational costs.
2. **Mileage Charges:** Revisions to the mileage charges associated with the transportation of equipment and personnel.
3. **Operational Hours and Additional Fees:** Clarifications on the operational hours and the introduction of additional fees for storage and service request.

These changes are essential to ensure that our Weights and Measures program continues to provide high-quality services, including inspection, enforcement, and public complaint resolution, thereby promoting equity and consumer confidence in the marketplace.

The proposed fee schedule will be presented to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024. If approved, the new fees will take effect on August 28, 2024.

Proposed Fee Schedule for Weighing and Measuring Device Fees on non-commercial Devices and Commercial Device Fees (Upon Request):

- Small Capacity Scales, Retail Gasoline Dispensers, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, other Compressed Natural Gas Meters & All Other Devices: **\$150.00 per hour.**
- Large Capacity Scales (scales exceeding 2,000 lbs. capacity) & Vehicle-Tank Meters: **\$200.00 per hour.**
- Mileage Charge
 - **\$2.50 per mile** for any vehicle up to 10,000 lbs. GVW, **plus \$150.00 or \$200.00 per hour.**
 - **\$3.00 per mile** for vehicles 10,000 lbs. to 40,000 lbs. GVW, **plus \$200.00 per hour.**
 - **\$3.75 per mile** for vehicles exceeding 40,000 lbs. GVW, **plus \$200.00 per hour.**
- Standby time will be computed at the same hourly rate as indicated for the specified device, at 15-minute intervals (or 0.25-hours), and at a minimum inspection charge of 30-minutes (or 0.5-hours).
- Devices must be picked up, by the responsible party, within 30 days of notification that inspection has been completed. An additional storage charge of \$50 per day will be incurred for devices that are not picked up within 30 days. Devices that are not picked up after 60 days of notification of completed inspection work will be discarded by the department.

We recognize the economic challenges faced by businesses and are committed to supporting your operations while maintaining the integrity and accuracy of commercial transactions.

For further questions or to provide feedback, please contact our office at 951-955-3045 or WTMEAS@rivco.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in promoting consumer protection and fair market practices.

Sincerely,



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Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights And Measures

**ORDINANCE NO. 620
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 620.5)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 620 PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF CHARGES FOR INSPECTION AND
TESTING OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL WEIGHING AND
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, Ordains as Follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Inspection and Testing of Non-Commercial Weighing and Measuring Instruments Ordinance."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish a schedule of fees for inspecting and testing certain commercial and non-commercial weighing and measuring instruments when the testing can legally be performed by a registered repairman. Ordinance No. 599 provides for owners of commercial weighing and measuring instruments to pay registration fees to partially defray the costs of inspecting and testing the instruments. The Business and Professions Code mandates the inspection and testing of these instruments. However, the County has no provision to recover costs for inspecting and testing instruments that are not mandated by the Business and Professions Code, such as non-commercial devices. The authority for this ordinance is Division 5, Chapter 2, Article 2 (beginning with Section 12210) of the California Business and Professions Code. The ordinance is adopted pursuant to Title 2, Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 1, Article 7 (beginning with Section 25120) of the Government Code.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise specifically provided or required by the context, certain terms or expressions used herein have meanings as set forth below:

- A.** "Weighing and measuring instruments" shall mean "weighing instruments" or "measuring instruments" as each are respectively defined by Section 12500 of the California Business and Professions Code.
- B.** "Commercial purposes" shall have the meaning assigned to it by Section 12500 of the California Business and Professions Code.
- C.** "Weights and Measures Division" means the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Agriculture of the County of Riverside.
- D.** "Sealer" means the Sealer of Weights and Measures of the Department of Agriculture and his duly authorized agents.

SECTION 4. FEES. All fees shall be based on the recommended schedule of fees published by the Division of Measurement Standards, State Department of Food and Agriculture, as revised from time to time. All fees collected shall be credited to the General Fund of the County and used only for the administration and enforcement of laws pertaining to the Weights and Measures Division.

SECTION 5. FEES FOR NON-COMMERCIAL DEVICES.

- A. The fees for the inspection and testing of non-commercial weighing and measuring devices shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule. All charges to be on a portal-to-portal basis plus mileage charges, as indicated. Standby time will be computed at the same hourly rate as indicated for the specified device, at 15-minute intervals (or 0.25-hours), and at a minimum inspection charge of 30-minutes (or 0.5-hours):

<u>Type of Device</u>	<u>Price Per Hour</u>
Small Capacity Scales, Retail Gasoline Dispensers, Liquified Petroleum Gas, other Compressed Natural Gas Meters & All Other Devices	\$150.00*
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- B. An additional fee of equal amount shall be collected when devices are tested after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, or on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
- C. No devices will be tested between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- D. Whenever a device cannot be sealed after the first test, and if additional tests are required, a fee of like amount shall be collected for each additional test.
- E. Whenever specialized equipment is rented to perform a requested test, the cost of the rented equipment will be prorated to the requesting agency.
- F. All requests for inspection will be made in writing.
- G. Devices must be picked up, by the responsible party, within 30 days of notification that inspection has been completed. An additional storage charge of \$50 per day will be incurred for devices that are not picked up within 30 days. Devices that are not picked up after 60 days of notification of completed inspection work will be discarded by the department.

SECTION 6. FEES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVICES WHEN REQUESTED BY OWNER/USER.

- H. The fees for the inspection and testing of commercial weighing and measuring devices shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule. All charges to be on a portal-to-portal basis plus mileage charges, as indicated. Standby time will be computed at the same hourly rate as indicated for the specified device, at 15-minute intervals (or 0.25-hours), and at a minimum inspection charge of 30-minutes (or 0.5-hours):

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SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF FEES AND PENALTIES.

Fees for the inspection and testing of weighing and measuring devices shall be due and payable upon completion of the services. Fees not paid upon completion of the services shall be subject to a surcharge of 10% of the total fees together with a charge for costs of collection and attorney fees, if any.

SECTION 8:

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.