



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: July 23, 2024

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Katherine VanDerWall, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

Subject: Consideration of Ordinance 1658 ARTICLE V. - Commercial Weighing and Measuring Device Registration Program to Reflect the Recent Legislative Changes that Amend Section 12240 of the California Business and Professions Code.

Executive Summary:

On October 8, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1304 into law. This bill adjusts device registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices and became effective on January 1, 2024. The new statewide fee structure is the first comprehensive adjustment since 2012 and reflects the true cost of the regulatory program. This authority is found in the California Business and Professions Code, Section 12240.

Weights and measures device registration fees partially cover the costs of a very important behind-the-scenes, consumer protection program. With very few exceptions, all weighing and measuring devices (meters and scales) used in commercial transactions are tested on an annual basis by department inspectors. Lake County has over 4,000 weighing and measuring devices that require annual testing. These meters and scales are tested for accuracy to ensure that Lake County consumers are getting what they pay for and that Lake County businesses are operating in a fair and equitable business environment. Department inspectors also frequently investigate consumer complaints.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Purchasing Considerations (check all that apply): Not applicable

- Fully Article X. <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI>- and/or Consultant Selection Policy <http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in "Executive Summary")
- Section 2-38 <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in "Executive Summary," attach documentation, as needed)
- For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the [Technology Governance Committee](http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf) <<http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf>> ("Yes," if checked)
- Other (Please describe in Executive Summary)

Consistency with Vision 2028 <<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm>>

(check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | |

Recommended Action: Approve Amending Ordinance 1658 ARTICLE V. - Commercial Weighing and Measuring Device Registration Program to Reflect the Recent Legislative Changes that Amend Section 12240 of the California Business and Professions Code.