

ORDINANCE NO. 4896
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.124.020 OF CHAPTER 5.124 AND
ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.124.030 OF TITLE 5 OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY
ORDINANCE CODE INCREASING ANNUAL DEVICE REGISTRATION FEES FOR
COMMERCIAL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES AND SETTING FEES FOR
OUT OF COUNTY WATER SUBMETERS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5.124.020 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following text to read as follows:

5.124.020. Fees

- (a) Applicants for a Device Registration Permit shall pay to the Sealer of Weights and Measures an annual registration fee made up of a location fee and device fee to cover costs of inspecting or testing Weighing and Measuring Devices.
- (b) The amount of the annual registration permit fee shall be calculated as follows:
 - (1) Location Fee
 - (A) One hundred twenty dollars (\$120) will be charged for each vehicle containing a weighing and measuring device.
 - (B) One hundred twenty dollars (\$120) will be charged for each business location containing at least one weighing and measuring device.
 - (2) Device Fee
 - (A) For marinas, mobile home parks, recreational vehicle parks, and apartment complexes, where the owner of the marina, park or

complex owns and is responsible for the utility meters, the device fee for water submeters shall be six dollars (\$6) per device per space or apartment, the device fee for electric submeters shall be three dollars (\$3) per device per space or apartment, and the device fee for vapor submeters shall be ten dollars (\$10) per device per space or apartment. Marinas, mobile home parks, recreational vehicle parks, and apartment complexes for which the above fees are assessed shall be inspected and tested as frequently as required by regulation.

- (B) For weighing devices, other than livestock scales, with capacities of at least 2,000 but less than 10,000 pounds, the device fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per device.
- (C) For weighing devices, other than livestock scales, with capacities of 10,000 pounds or greater, the device fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per device.
- (D) For livestock scales, with capacities of at least 2,000 but less than 10,000 pounds, the device fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per device.
- (E) For livestock scales, with capacities of 10,000 pounds or greater, the device fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per device.
- (F) For stationary and truck mounted compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) meters, the device fee shall be one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185) per device.
- (G) For wholesale and vehicle meters, the device fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75) per device.
- (H) For computing scales and electronic counter scales interfaced with a cash register or any point-of-sale system, the device fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per device. For purpose of this subdivision, the total annual registration fee shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for each business location.
- (I) For jewelry and prescription scales the device fee shall be eighty dollars (\$80) per device.

- (J) For weighing devices with capacities of at least 100 but less than 2,000 pounds, the device fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50) per device.
 - (K) For all other commercial weighing or measuring devices not listed in subsections (A) to (J), inclusive, the device fee shall be twenty-six dollars (\$26) per device. For purpose of this subdivision, the total annual registration fee shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for each business location.
- (3) The applicant may be required to pay a late charge in the amount of 50% of the prescribed registration fee, if payment of the registration fee is paid more than 60 days after the invoice is mailed or delivered to the applicant by the Sealer.
- (c) Scales used at non-fixed locations, such as farmers markets, with a nominal capacity of fifty (50) pounds or less that are delivered to the Weights and Measures office for inspection, shall not be required to pay the location fee described in California Business and Professions Code, Section 12240

SECTION 2. Section 5.124.030 is hereby added to Chapter 5.124 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code to read in its entirety as follows:

5.124.030. Fees for testing out of county water submeters

Pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code Section 12210.3(a), upon written request the County Sealer shall test water submeters if the requested service pertains to a water submeter not intended to be placed into service in San Mateo County within six months or the requested service pertains to a water submeter intended to be placed into service in a different county. The Sealer is authorized under California Business and Professions Code section 12210.3(b) to charge a cost recovery fee for any such inspection or testing. The Sealer shall base the fee on the actual

hourly salary rate and benefits of the inspectors, and may include administrative overhead costs. The Sealer may adjust this fee as needed to reflect actual costs.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the passage date thereof.

Regularly passed and adopted this 19th day of November, 2024

AYES and in favor of said ordinance:

Supervisors: _____
DAVE PINE

NOELIA CORZO

RAY MUELLER

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

NOES and against said ordinance:

Supervisors: _____
NONE



*President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California*

Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original ordinance filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.



Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors