Office of the Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures
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POINT-OF-SALE SCANNERS & ELECTRONIC PRICING DEVICES

Annual registration of Point-of-Sale (POS) systems and other electronic pricing devices is required by law before being used or placed into service. The Imperial County Weighing and Measuring Instruments, Devices, and Point-of-Sale Systems ordinance (Chapter 5.68) requires businesses to register with the Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures Office and pay an initial and annual registration fee to offset the cost of inspection and testing to ensure compliance in a fair and equitable marketplace. Registration fees are based on the number of POS or other electronic pricing devices at each retail location, and once paid, will be issue a registration certificate. The registration certificate is required in addition to any other certificate, license, or permit which may be required by the county, cities, or any public entity. Any registration certificate for which the fees have not been paid within forty-five

(45) days from the date such payment is due will be subject to a penalty of one-half the annual registration fee. Thereafter, continued failure to pay registration fees after ninety days (90) days may result in collection agency reporting and action. See the attached fee schedule for reference.

All retail locations that utilize a POS or electronic pricing system are subject to the county ordinance. Such systems include Universal Product Code (UPC) scanners, price look-up codes, or any other system that relies on the retrieval of electronically stored information to complete a transaction. Per the ordinance, all systems shall be available for testing and inspection by the county sealer of weights and measures.

The Imperial County Weights and Measures Office enforces the California Business and Professions Code as well as the California Code of Regulations as it pertains to point-of-sale systems. Below is a summary of applicable code sections:

In accordance with the California Business and Professions Code § 12024.2 and § 12024.6, it is unlawful for any person, at the time of sale of a commodity, to do any of the following:

- Charge an amount greater than the price, or to compute an amount greater than a true extension of a price per unit, that is then advertised, posted, marked, displayed, or quoted for that commodity.
- Charge an amount greater than the lowest price posted on the commodity itself or on a shelf tag that corresponds to the commodity, notwithstanding any limitation of the time period for which the posted price is in effect.
- No person, firm, corporation, or association shall advertise, solicit, or represent by any means, a product for sale or purchase if it is intended to entice a customer into a transaction different from that originally represented.

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In accordance with the California Business and Professions Code sections § 13300-13303 and § 12024.6:

- Any business that uses a point-of-sale system must have a display of the prices charged visible to the customer from a reasonable and typical position.
- When a price reduction or discount regarding an item is advertised, the checkout system customer indicator shall display either the discounted price for that item, or alternatively, the regular price and a credit or reduction of the advertised savings.
- Any surcharges and the total value to be charged for the overall transaction also shall be displayed for the consumer at least once before the consumer is required to pay for the goods or services.
- "Point-Of-Sale System" means any computer or electronic price look-up system that retrieves the price of the item being purchased.

The Imperial County Sealer of Weights and Measures is authorized to levy a civil penalty against a person violating any provision of this law or regulation adopted pursuant to this law, of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) for each violation.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the owner/operator of a business to obtain a current registration from the Sealer's Office before using an electronic point-of-sale checkout system. Our office is open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at (442) 265-1500.

Sincerely,

Samuel Gretencord
Deputy Sealer of Weights & Measures

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ANNUAL REGISTRATION/RENEWAL APPLICATION (expires December 31, 2027)

Registration No.: *Please update any outdated or missing information.*

Company Headquarters:

Name: _____ Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Physical Location:

Business Name: _____ Primary Contact: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Fax: _____

Device Type	Location Fee	Quantity	Fee per Device	Device Fee Subtotal	DMS Fee per Device	DMS Fee Subtotal	Device Total

TOTAL FEES DUE: _____

For Department Use Only

DMS Receipt #: _____ DMS Date: _____

Deposit #: _____ Deposit Date: _____

Make check or money order payable to:

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El Centro, CA 92243

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Print Name of Authorized Representative **Signature** **Date**

We gladly accept checks. **fiserv.**
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2026 Imperial County Weights and Measures Registration Fees

Fees are based on a statewide fee structure approved by the State Legislature and Governor. Fees partially offset the cost of administering the commercial weighing and measuring program and are based on the number and type(s) of devices and/or point-of-sale systems in use per location. These fees have been adopted in the Imperial County Ordinance Chapter 5.68 and are authorized by the California Business and Professions Code: Device Fees- Section 12240(f)-(t); Location Fees- Section 12240(f); State Administrative Fees- Section 12241, and California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 4075.

All fees are due and payable January 1st. Any registration certificate for which the fees have not been paid within forty-five (45) days from January 1st will be subject to a penalty of one-half the annual Registration Fee. Thereafter, continued failure to pay Registration Fees after ninety days (90) days may result in collection agency reporting and action.

Device Location Fee: ***Each location (scanner/point-of-sale excluded) is charged a location fee of $120.*** A location is considered a business with one or more types of devices that require specialized testing equipment that will necessitate more than one trip. Additionally, if a commercial device is installed on a vehicle, each vehicle is considered a single location.

Registration Fees = Location Fee per Location + County Device Fee per Device + DMS Admin Fee per Device

Weights & Measures Fee Schedule

Device Type	Couty Device Reg Fee	DMS Admin Fee	BPC 12240 Fee Cap	BPC 12240 Section
Animal Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$150.00	$16.00		(h)
Class II Scale	$80.00	$2.20		(o)
CNG Compressed Natural Gas Meter	$185.00	$16.00		(l)
Computing Scale <100 lb	$25.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	(n)
Computing Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Counter Scale <100 lb - interfaced with a cash register or any point-of-sale system	$25.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	(n)
Counter Scale <100 lb	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Counter Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Dormant/Platform Scale <100 lb	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Dormant/Platform Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Dormant/Platform Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$150.00	$16.00		(h)
Dormant/Platform Scale ≥10,000 lb	$250.00	$24.00		(h)
Electric Submeters	$3.00	$0.50		(g)
AC EVSE Electric Vehicle Charging Station	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
DC EVSE Electric Vehicle Charging Station	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Fabric/ Wire/Cordage Meter	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Hanging Scale <100 lb	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Hanging Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Hanging Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$150.00	$16.00		(h)
High-Flow Motor Fuel Meter	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)

Device Type	Couty Device Reg Fee	DMS Admin Fee	BPC 12240 Fee Cap	BPC 12240 Section
Hopper/Tank Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Hopper/Tank Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$150.00	$16.00		(h)
Hopper/Tank Scale ≥10,000 lb	$250.00	$24.00		(h)
LPG Liquified Petroleum Gas Meter	$185.00	$16.00		(l)
Livestock Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Livestock Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$100.00	$16.00		(k)
Livestock Scales ≥10,000 lb	$150.00	$24.00		(k)
Monorail/Meatbeam Scale 100<2,000 lb	$50.00	$2.20		(p)
Monorail/Meatbeam Scale 2,000<10,000 lb	$150.00	$16.00		(h)
Other Measuring Devices	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Other Weighing Devices	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Prescription/Jewelry Scales	$80.00	$2.20		(o)
Railway Scales ≥10,000 lb	$250.00	$24.00		(h)
Retail Meters (such as DEF)	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Retail Motor Fuel Meters	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Retail Water Meters	$26.00	$2.20	$1,200.00	Not listed (t)
Vehicle Meters	$75.00	$2.20		(m)
Vehicle Scales ≥10,000 lb	$250.00	$24.00		(h)
Water submeters	$6.00	$0.50		(g)
Wholesale Meters	$75.00	$2.20		(m)

Other Weights and Measures Fees

Fee Name	Amount	Unit	Authority
Business Location Registration Fee	$120.00	per location	BPC 12240(f)
Commercial Devices by Request - when inspection or testing could be performed by a registered service agency	Schedule of Uniform Fees prescribed by Secretary		BPC 12210.5
Water Submeters - out-of-county or unplaced	$85.00	per hour	BPC 12210.3(b)

Non-Commercial Device Inspections and Hourly Rates

Scales (≥ 2,000 lb)	$170.00	per hour	BPC 12210(b)
All other instruments/devices	$85.00	per hour	BPC 12210(b)
Standby Time	$85.00	per hour	BPC 12210(b)
Vehicle Mileage	Federal rate	per mile	BPC 12210(b)

Price Verification Initial and Reinspection Fees

Scanners (1-3)	$160.00	per location	BPC 13350
Scanners (4-9)	$205.00	per location	BPC 13350
Scanners (10 or more)	$270.00	per location	BPC 13350

Effective: 8/3/2024