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Weight and Measures Licensing Factsheet

- Who is required to have a Weights and Measure license from the City of La Crosse?
 - Any business that sells by weights, volume, time, or by use of automated scanners is required to have an annual Weights and Measures license issued by the City of La Crosse.

- Is a Weights and Measure certification sticker the same as a license?
 - No. A Certification sticker is issued by a State of Wisconsin Weights and Measures employee after they have tested and verified that a measuring device is working properly. It is a visual assurance to the consumer that the weights and measures device being used in a sale has been tested and found to be true and accurate.
 - A Weights and Measures License is issued by the City of La Crosse under Municipal Code 2.12 to any business that wishes to use a weights and measures device for commerce (including scanners) within the City Limits.
 - A requirement of the City licensing is that the devices in use are certified by the State. The State Inspector and City work closely together to insure this occurs, but are separate entities with separate duties.

- Why are we paying the City a license fee if the State is performing the certification testing? Doesn't my State tax pay for that?
 - State law puts the burden of weights and measures certification testing on the local municipality. The City actually pays the State for the services of the State Inspector via an annual contract between the State of Wisconsin and the City of La Crosse. The licensing fees collected by the City are used to pay the State for the service provided by the State Weights and Measures Inspector.

- So who do we call if we have questions or have a complaint?
 - Call the City of La Crosse Engineering Department at 789-7505 if you:
 - Want to obtain a new City Weights and Measure License

- Change the number or type of devices your are licensing
 - Have any questions or concerns with your weights and measures licensing fee billing.
 - Call The State of Wisconsin at 608.224.4940 if you:
 - Need a certification sticker for a new device
 - Need to renew an expired certification on an existing device
 - Want to file a complaint or concern about the accuracy of a device that measures weight, volume, time, or an automated scanners used in commerce.
- License process
 - Weights and Measures license renew billings are sent out at the beginning of every calendar year to all existing licensees
 - New business is required to contact the City of La Crosse Engineering Department for licensing prior to partaking in Commerce by use of a weights or measuring device within the City of La Crosse.
 - An application form is attached

- License fees

Device Type	Fee
Petroleum pump/grade	\$16.00
Scale (small)	\$21.00
Scale Vehicle	\$55.00
Timing Device	\$8.00
Scanner (flat fee up to 3)	\$35.00
Scanner (each for over 3)	\$14.00
Vehicle Tank Meter	\$45.00
Taxi Cab Meter	\$25.00

