

CALIFORNIA COUNTY

EVSE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

AND BEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES



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CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONS CODE
§ 12240(A)



State of California

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

Section 12240

12240. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county board of supervisors, by ordinance, may charge an annual registration fee, not to exceed the county's total cost of actually inspecting or testing the devices as required by law, to recover the costs of inspecting or testing weighing and measuring devices required of the county sealer pursuant to Section 12210, and to recover the cost of carrying out Section 12211.

AUTHORITY

California Business and Professions Code (BPC) grants the authority to establish a county ordinance to charge registration fees for commercial devices to recover the costs of inspections and testing devise.

LOCAL COUNTY ORDINANCE

The screenshot shows the Orange County California website interface. The header includes the county logo, name, and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail indicates the location: Orange County, TITLE 5 - BUSI..., Division 5 - W..., ARTICLE 1. - C..., and Sec. 5-5-1. - A... The left sidebar lists various ordinance categories, with 'TITLE 5 - BUSINESS AND SPECIAL' selected. The main content area displays 'Sec. 5-5-1. - Authority and purpose.' with a text block explaining its adoption and a list of related ordinance numbers. Below this, 'Sec. 5-5-2. - Definitions.' is shown, including a definition for a single business location. Two teal arrows point from the text on the right to the highlighted sections in the screenshot.

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THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

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TITLE 4 - HEALTH SANITATION AND ANIMAL REGULATIONS

TITLE 5 - BUSINESS AND SPECIAL

Sec. 5-5-1. - Authority and purpose.

This article is adopted pursuant to Division 5 of the Business and Professions Code, for the purpose of establishing a system for registering commercial weighing and measuring instruments and point of sale systems, and to recover the costs of inspection and testing pursuant to Sections 12210, 12210.3, 12210.5, 12211, 12240 and 13350.

(Ord. No. 3393, § 1, 7-12-83; Ord. No. 07-007, § 1, 5-22-07; Ord. No. [15-008](#), § 1, 5-12-15; [Ord. No. 20-005](#), § 1, 7-28-20; [Ord. No. 24-001](#), § 1, 5-21-24)

Sec. 5-5-2. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Commercial purposes shall have the meaning assigned to it by Section 12500 of the California Business and Professions Code.

(b) A single business location is defined as:

(1) Each business location that uses one or more categories or types of commercial devices as set forth in Section 12240 of the California Business and Professions Code, that require the use of specialized testing equipment and that necessitates not more than one inspection trip by a weights and measures official.

Authority established by local county ordinance to charge registration fees to recover the costs of inspections and testing devices.

Definition of a single business location.

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(u) For purposes of this section, a single business location is defined as:

(1) Each business location that uses one or more categories or types of commercial devices as set forth in subdivisions (g) to (p), inclusive, and in subdivision (t), that require the use of specialized testing equipment and that necessitates not more than one inspection trip by a weights and measures official.

DEFINING A BUSINESS

BPC defines a **single business** as a location that uses one or more types of commercial devices that requires the use of specialized testing equipment and that necessitates not more than one inspection trip by a WAM official.

Example of a **single business** with four parking structures



DEVICE FEE AUTHORIZATION

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(t) For all other commercial weighing or measuring devices not listed in subdivisions (g) to (r), inclusive, the device fee shall not exceed twenty-six dollars (\$26) per device. For purposes of this subdivision, the total portion of the annual registration fee consisting of the business location fee and the device fees authorized by this subdivision shall not exceed the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200), for each business location.

By County Ordinance, registration and payment of fees are required for commercial weighing, measuring and price scanning devices as authorized by Business & Professions Code Section 12240-46 and 13350 providing for an annual device registration fee to recover program costs. Below are the current rates for fiscal year 2025-2026.

COUNTY OF ORANGE WEIGHTS & MEASURES FEES SCHEDULE					
Device Annual Registration Fees	As of 7/1/2025	State Admin. Fee	Device Annual Registration Fees	As of 7/1/2025	State Admin. Fee
Per Device Location	\$120.00		Per Jewelry/Prescription Scale / Class II	\$80.00	\$2.20
Per Mobile Home Park / Apartment / Recreational Vehicle Park / Marina Location	\$120.00		Per Computing Scale and Electronic Counter Scale interfaced with a Cash Register or Point of Sales system	\$25.00	\$2.20
Per General Device* <small>[Hydrogen Gas-Measuring - State Admin. Fee \$16.00]</small>	\$26.00	\$2.20 <small>[\$16.00]</small>	Per Scale with Capacity 100 to < 2,000 lbs.	\$50.00	\$2.20
Per Water Sub-Meter	\$6.00	\$0.50	Per Scale with Capacity 2,000 to <10,000 lbs.	\$150.00	\$16.00
Per Electric Sub-Meter	\$3.00	\$0.50	Per Scale with Capacity 10,000 and plus lbs.	\$250.00	\$24.00
Per Vapor Sub-Meter	\$10.00	\$0.50	Per Livestock Scale 2,000 to <10,000 lbs.	\$100.00	\$16.00
Per Compressed Natural Gas Meter	\$185.00	\$16.00	Per Livestock Scale 10,000 and plus lbs.	\$150.00	\$24.00
Per Stationary & Truck Mounted LPG Meter	\$185.00	\$16.00	Per Motor Truck Scale	\$250.00	\$24.00
Per Wholesale & Vehicle Meter	\$75.00	\$2.20	Point of Sales System (POS) with 1-3 Price Scanners	\$163.00	
Per Odometer or Ambulance (Location and Device Fee Combined)	\$180.00	\$2.20	Point of Sales System (POS) with 4-9 Price Scanners	\$249.00	
Per Taxi Meter (Location and Gen. Device Fee Combined)	\$146.00	\$2.20	Point of Sales System (POS) with 10+ Price Scanners	\$410.00	

*General Device examples: Counter Scale, EVSE, Fabric Cordage Wire, Grease & Lube, Hydrogen Meter, Retail Motor Fuel, Retail Water Meters

January 24, 2023

DMS NOTICE
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To: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems / Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment –
Meaning of Installed vs. Placed in Service

The Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) has received questions from county weights and measures officials regarding the meaning of “installed” vs. “placed in service” as those terms relate to Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems (EVFS) / Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) and the application of the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA’s) EVFS/EVSE regulations.

DMS referred these questions to CDFA Legal Counsel for their opinion. Based upon their research and consideration of the EVFS/EVSE regulation’s [Initial Statement of Reasons \(ISOR\)](#) and [Final Statement of Reasons \(FSOR\)](#); and California Code of Regulations ([CCR](#)) [§ 4002.11](#); CDFA Legal Counsel concluded the following:

- AC EVSE “installed” prior to January 1, 2021 and “placed into service” after January 1, 2021 are exempt from compliance with CCR § 4002.11, including the specifications and tolerances requirements, until January 1, 2031.
- DC EVFS “installed” prior to January 1, 2023 and “placed into service” after January 1, 2023 are exempt from compliance with CCR § 4002.11, including the specifications and tolerances requirements, until January 1, 2033.

In summary, EVFS/EVSE that were connected to a power supply, e.g., “wall mounted” or “put in the ground”, prior to the effective dates stated above, but not available for commercial purposes until after those dates, are exempt from compliance with CCR § 4002.11 until January 1, 2031 and January 1, 2033 respectively.

Additional information may be found in DMS Notices [D – 21 – 02R](#) and [D – 22 – 01](#)

However, to be clear, EVFS/EVSE are subject to annual device registration fees upon being placed into service for commercial purposes, as per Business and Professions Code § 12240, provided they are not exempt from weights and measures’ jurisdiction.

CDFA/DIVISION OF MEASUREMENT STANDARDS **DMS NOTICE D-23-01**

https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/dms/notices/devices/2023/D-23-01_EVSE_Meaning_of_Install_vs_PIS.pdf

AC and DC devices exempt from compliance with 4 CCR § 4002.11 are subject to annual device registration fees



DEVICE REGISTRATION FORMS



County of Orange
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer Weights & Measures

LOCATION REGISTRATION EVSE DEVICE FORM WM 1001.EVSE

EV-
If new, leave blank

Permit Number
If new, leave blank
(714) 921-2713
Article 1, § 5-5-3
to

Send completed form to County of Orange Sealer of Weights & Measures
222 East Bristol Ln, Orange, CA 92865 ♦ Email: ocacwm@ocpw.ocgov.com ♦ Phone: (714) 955-0100 ♦ Fax: (714) 921-2713

#	QTY		EVSE Make	EVSE Model	R _{emoving} A _{dding}	Serial #	No. of Ports (1 or 2)	Device Location Notes [Help with locating device]	Installed Date
	AC	DC							
1									
2									
3									
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MULTI UPLOAD DEVICE REGISTRATION

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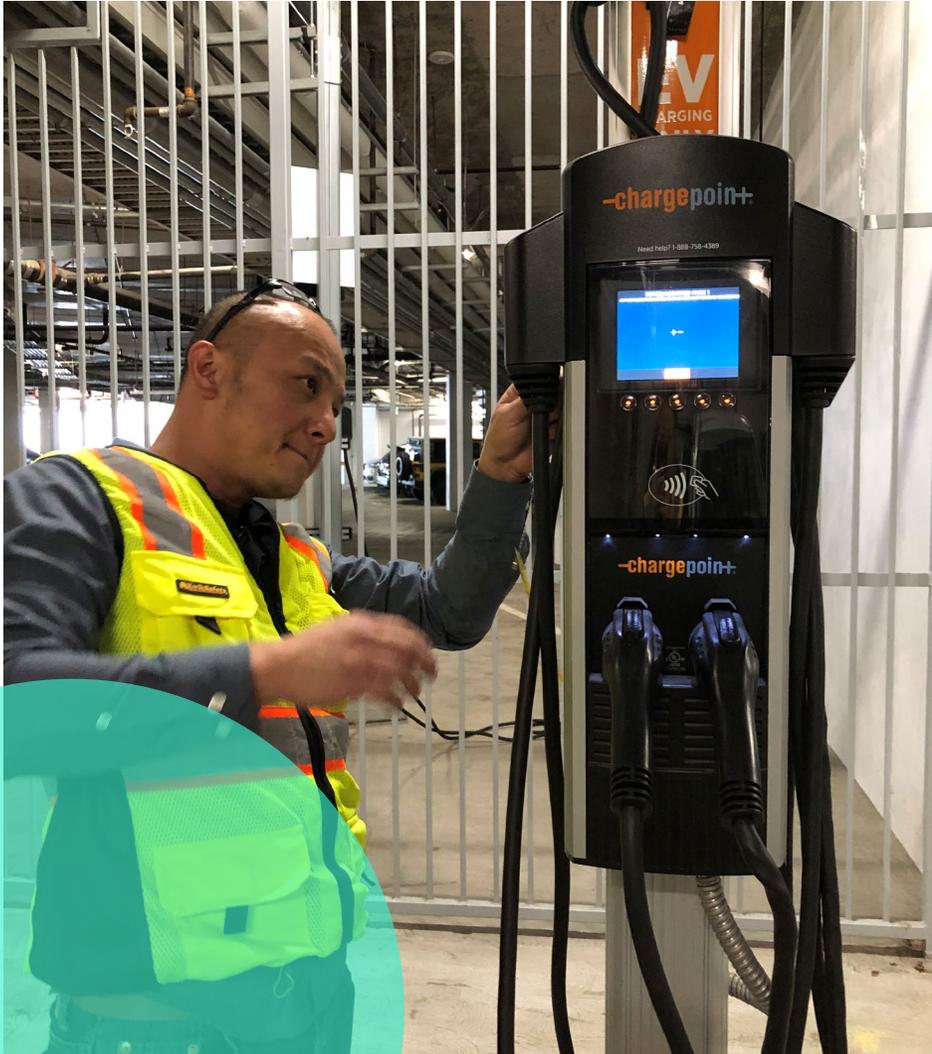
STORE/LOCATION INFORMATION							BILLING/MAILING INFORMATION (WHERE INVOICES ARE TO BE MAILED FOR PAYMENT) [Please do not put "Same as Owner or Location info." - Copy/Paste if you must]							
CO. NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHON	EMAIL	CO. NAME	ATTENTION	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	EMAIL
ALL TOWN CENTER - (AUTEL)	6364 IRVINE BLVD	IRVINE	CA	92620	949-720-3	FV@IRVCO	IGNITE POWER	EV ACCOUNTS PAY	26 TECH DR., SUITE 110	IRVINE	CA	92618	714-999-8888	MGR.@ALLTOWN.COM
ABC EV CHARGING STATION (EVGO)	222 F. ROSS	SANTA ANA	CA	92702	714-955-0100	OCACWM@OCPW.OCGOV.COM	WEIGHTS & MEASURES	TAX & LICENSING	222 E. BRISTOL LANE	ORANGE	CA	92865	714-955-0100	OCACWM@OCPW.OCGOV.COM

SAMPLE ENTRIES

EVSE REGISTRATION

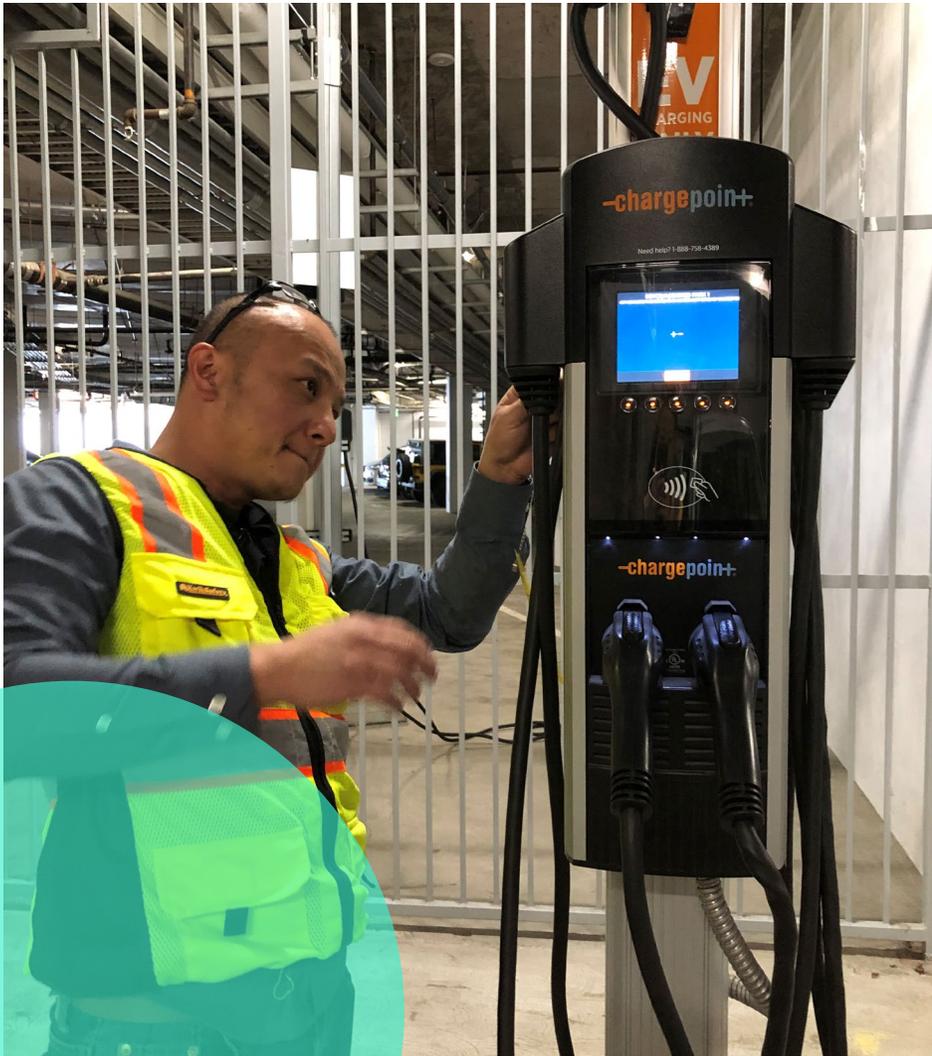
OWNER INFORMATION [Please do not put "Same as Billing or Location info." - Copy/Paste if you must]							EVSE DEVICE INFO. [INSPECTOR RESEARCH]		EVSE DEVICE INFO. [PROVIDED BY REGISTRANT]						
OWNER NA	CO. NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	EMAIL	TYPE [AC or DC]	TOTAL EVSE Count on premi	MAKE/MF	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	QTY (Per Entry)	INSTALL EFF. DA	DEVICE LOCATION NOTES [Notes to help inspector easily locate device]
JOHN SMITH	ALL TOWN IGNITE	110 INNO DRIVE	IRVINE	CA	92618	949-777-6666	RET@ALLTELLIRVCO.COM	AC	4	AUTEL	UF38L011	AL0038B1GNBC001757	2	01/01/21	BY PARKING LOT C
										AUTEL	UF38L011	AL0038B1GNBC001724	2	01/01/21	BY PARKING LOT C
COUNTY OF OR	WEIGHTS & MEASURE	600 N. ROSS AVE.	SANTA ANA	CA	92702	714-955-0100	OCACWM@OCPW.OCGOV.COM	AC	10	EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345678	1	01/01/21	UPPER LEVEL LOT A
										EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345679	2	01/01/21	UPPER LEVEL LOT A
										EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345680	2	01/01/21	UPPER LEVEL LOT A
										EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345681	1	01/01/21	GROUND LEVEL BY FRONT ENTR
										EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345682	2	01/01/21	GROUND LEVEL BY FRONT ENTR
										EVGO	KNIGHT	EVKB12345683	2	01/01/21	GROUND LEVEL BY FRONT ENTR

REGISTRATION CHALLENGES



- Device owners do not register their devices with the County Sealer
- Registration forms are incorrectly filled out or are incomplete
- Changes and updates to devices are not reported to the County Sealer
- Notification is not provided when a location closes or changes ownership

REGISTRATION SOLUTIONS



During field inspections, have your Weights and Measures officials verify and update the registration information on site and perform compliance outreach to the property operator to make them aware of their statutory responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES

- Determining device ownership or responsible party
- Locating and contacting the device owners

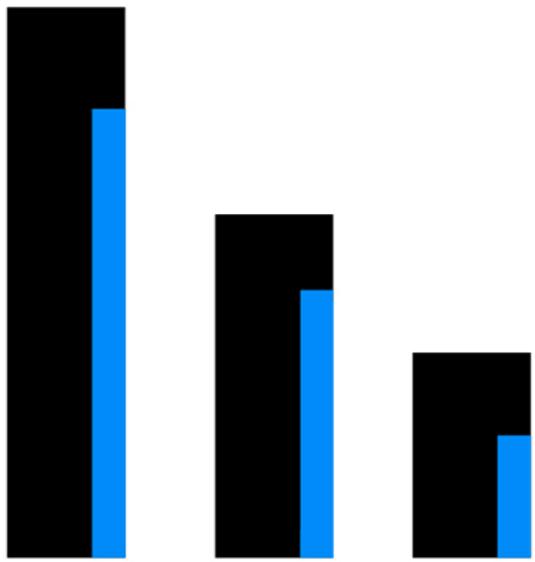


INVESTIGATORY STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

STRATEGY	RESOURCE
Manual	Cold calls
	Interview neighboring businesses/people for information
Digital	Skiptrace
	Google search
	GovClarity (Intelligence tool sourced from government agencies)
	LightOn (Intelligence tool used by County Assessor's Office to identify parcels)
	Secretary of State's Office
	County Clerk Recorder's Office - Fictitious Business Name (FBN) Search
City Business License Search (some cities offer online address search tools)	

- 201,180 Public and Shared Private Electric Vehicle Charging Ports in CA (CEC)
- 73,578 EV Charging Ports in CA (U.S. Department of Energy)
- 23,318 EVSEs devices registered in California
- 38 Counties registering EVSE's
- 8,863 Registered EVSEs in Santa Clara County
- 3,035 AC and 293 DC EVSE devices inspected in FY 2024-25

BY THE NUMBERS



THANK YOU.



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