



Dear Stark County Resident,

The County Auditor is the sealer of Weights and Measures for all of Stark County. Our agency protects the public from any discrepancies which may occur from faulty weighing and measuring devices, such as scales or fuel pumps.

Our Inspectors check all types of retail stores, department stores, grocery stores, gas stations and hundreds of other businesses, to ensure the price advertised is the price that you pay. As Auditor, I am responsible to ensure State laws relating to Weights and Measures are strictly enforced in Stark County.

To view inspection reports, go to our website and click on consumer inspection protection reports under our consumer link. Should you ever have a question or complaint about a weighing or measuring device, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Appraisal	330-451-7085
Board of Revision	330-451-7998 330-451-7250
Commercial Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV)	330-451-7294
Destroyed Property	330-451-7640
Dog Licenses	330-451-7354
Estate Tax	330-451-7184
Fiscal Administration	330-451-7504
Geographic Info Systems(GIS)	330-451-7193
Homestead Exemption	330-451-7323
Information Technology	330-451-1411
Manufactured Home	330-451-7641
Real Estate Transfer	330-451-7322 330-451-7333
Real Property Exemption	330-451-7184
Settlement/Budget	330-451-7325
Tax Map	330-451-7341
Vendors License	330-451-7354
Weights & Measures	330-451-2377

Hours:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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PROTECTING YOUR PURCHASE

A good Weights and Measures program saves the average household hundreds of dollars each year. The seal of the Weights and Measures Department protects the buyer and seller by maintaining equity in the marketplace.

The Stark County Weights and Measures Department inspects many devices for accuracy each year. These devices include gas pumps, deli scales, vehicle scales, fuel oil truck meters, and liquid propane meters, among others.

 **Look for the Approval Seals**



Commercial weighing and measuring devices are randomly tested by inspectors. If correct, the seal of approval is placed on the equipment.



GAS PUMPS

Many factors draw a motorist to a gas station, and price is near the top of the list. **To be sure you are charged the correct amount based on the posted price, do the following:**

- Check the prices posted on station signs that list the grade of gasoline and type of service you select (full, self, cash/credit). The posted price must be the same posted price on the gas pump.
- Make sure the dollar amount and gallons are set to zero. Check to be sure that you have been charged the correct amount and take the receipt with you.

Keep in mind that the vehicle tank capacity in the owner's manual is only an estimate. Your car's gas tank may hold more than the stated capacity to allow for expansion of the fuel in hot weather.

PACKAGE INSPECTION

Commodities packaged in advance for sale are randomly checked for accuracy. These products must meet or exceed the labeled weight. State regulations governing packaging, labeling, and method of sale are applied for food and non-food items.

Two things to know and remember:

- All packaged goods must be marked with a statement concerning net contents.
- Net weight does not include the weight of the bag, wrapper, or container in which a commodity may be packaged.

SCALES

To be sure you are charged the correct amount do the following:

- Look for the current year County Auditor Weights and Measures seal on the weighing device.
- See that net weight and total price indications show zero before weighing the product.
- Make sure the correct price per pound is entered into the scale.

In over-the-counter sales, the scales and their quantity value indicators must be in plain view of the consumer.

Question the merchant if you are in doubt about a transaction. It could be the result of an error that the merchant could quickly rectify if brought to his/her attention. (Inspectors check scales for accuracy according to weight.)

SCANNER INSPECTION



Almost every product bears the Universal Product Code (UPC). This symbol, a series of numbers, and vertical bars of varying thickness is shorthand for the product information.

When a cashier passes the UPC symbol over an electronic scanner, a computer decodes the symbol and sends the data to the register. The price appears on the display screen and your printed receipt.

Inspectors randomly check items to ensure the price on the UPC symbol is the price that registers at the checkout scanner.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSUMERS

- Watch the display screen for correct prices; if you think you are being overcharged, speak up.
- Consider bringing a copy of a sale's flyer or newspaper ad to the check-out counter with you.
- Check your receipt before you walk away.

Expect accurate weight and measurement in your purchase, just as you expect accurate change from the cashier.

BUYER & SELLER

Be acquainted with your Weights and Measures officials under the supervision of County Auditor Alan Harold. If in doubt on any weighing and measuring matter, contact The Auditor's office, Weights and Measures Department.