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SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index Update

Section 3717.07 (B) (7) of the Ohio Revised Code places a cap or ceiling on the local health department's portion of the Vending Machine Food Service Operation License Fee. The maximum amount that a Vending Machine Food Service Operation License Fee may be increased is limited to the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (United States City Average, all items) for the immediately preceding calendar year.

Information on the Consumer Price Index is prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The previous year's Consumer Price Index (January to December time frame) is available by the middle of January each year and may be obtained by contacting:

Consumer Price Index
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20212

The information can also be accessed at the following internet address http://www.bls.gov/cpi/

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS 0.8 PERCENT.

The following example is provided to help you to understand the application of the CPI towards any proposed vending machine food service operation license fee increases during 2015.

EXAMPLE:

Vending Machine	FSO License Fee
Local Health Department License Fee	$20.00
State Amount	$ 6.00
Total Fee	$26.00

The consumer price index for the year ending December 2014 is 0.8 percent, therefore the maximum amount that the local health department vending machine food service operation license fee may be increased is $0.16 (0.8 % x $20.00 = $0.16).

Local Health Department License Fee	$20.16
State Amount	$ 6.00
Total Fee	$26.16

For more information, contact the Food Safety Program at (614) 466-1390.