

TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index Update

Ohio Revised Code 3717.07 (B)(7) states that a Vending Machine Food Service Operation License Fee shall not be increased by more than 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 (CPI) is prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The previous year's CPI (January to December) is typically 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 NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS 1.9 PERCENT.**

The following example is provided to help local health departments understand the application of the CPI towards any proposed vending machine food service operation license fee increases for 2019.

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 2018 is 1.9 percent; therefore, in this example the maximum amount that the local health department vending machine food service operation license fee may be increased is \$0.38 ( $1.9\% \times \$20.00 = 0.38$ ).

Local Health Department License Fee	\$20.38
State Amount	\$ 6.00
Total Fee	\$26.38

For more information, contact the ODH Food Safety Program at (614) 644-7416 or [foodsafety@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:foodsafety@odh.ohio.gov).