

Municipal Jurisdictions

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Background

 [Wis. Stats. 98.04](#)
 [ATCP 92.50 & 92.52](#)

Municipal programs will annually inspect all VTMs which they license. State inspectors will inspect all other VTMs.

Certain municipalities have adopted a Weights and Measures Fee Ordinance, which requires all commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices used in those jurisdictions to be licensed to operate in those municipalities. These fees are enacted to cover inspection costs as allowed under Ch. 98.04.

Municipal licensing normally requires the municipality's Sealer(s) to annually inspect and test the licensed devices for which the fee is charged if the municipality operates a weights and measures program. In the case of vehicle tank meters on delivery trucks, this licensing and testing program affects all meters operating within the licensing municipality regardless of their base of operations.

DATCP has waived the requirement for a state or private service company test of a VTM when a complete test has been done each year by an approved municipal sealer, provided a copy of each municipal inspection report is annually submitted to the state.

Policy

VTM operators must have a Wisconsin licensed Weights and Measures Service Company test their meters at least annually (within 12 months of the previous test). For example, if a meter was tested in June last year, it needs to be tested by the last day of June this year. However, if an annual inspection is conducted by a municipal sealer (within 12 months of the previous test), that test will meet the requirement for the annual Weights and Measures Service Company test. The Make, Model, Serial Number, and Statement of Correctness of each meter must appear on the municipal test report.

State or municipal inspectors have the authority to inspect any meters operating in their areas. However, routine inspections should be performed by municipalities operating a weights and measures program if the VTMs are licensed by that municipality.

Inspections are not performed at the request of the company, but in accordance with the requirements of the regulator.

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