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Increase in Vendor License Application Fee Effective April 9, 2025

As a result of the passage of House Bill 366, the one-time fee for applying for a new vendor's license will increase to \$50. This change will take effect on April 9, 2025, as announced by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

The fee increase of \$25 will help fund the Organized Crime Commission Fund.

According to ORC 177.011, "The organized crime investigations commission shall use the moneys in the fund to reimburse political subdivisions for the expenses the political subdivisions incur when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force."

This one-time fee applies to businesses applying for a new vendor license. There are two main types of vendor licenses, and the fee applies to both:

- **Vendor's License:** Required for businesses selling tangible goods or services within Ohio, this license is issued by the county auditor where the business is located. If your business has a physical location, you will need a vendor's license from the county where your business is based. You can obtain this license from your local county auditor's office.
- **Transient Vendor's License:** This license is for businesses that sell goods or services temporarily within a county, typically at events such as fairs, markets, or festivals. Transient vendors do not have a permanent business location in the county but engage in selling for a limited time. You can apply for this license through the Ohio Business Gateway, a service provided by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

If you're thinking about starting a business, you can find helpful resources on the Ohio Business Gateway website (<https://gateway.ohio.gov/home>) and the Ohio Secretary of State's Starting a Business page (<https://www.ohiosos.gov/businesses/information-on-starting-and-maintaining-a-business/starting-a-business/>).

For more details on obtaining a vendor's license through the Erie County Auditor's office, visit <https://auditor.eriecounty.oh.gov/vendor-s-license> or call (419) 627-7746, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.