



Legislation Text

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**Requesting Agency:** Mayor’s Office and City Council  
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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance adding a new Chapter 58, Wages.**

Amends the Denver Revised Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 58, Wages, creating a citywide Denver Minimum Wage. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 11-12-19.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** Citywide

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

Building on previous actions to ensure Denver city employees and many city service contract employees are paid a minimum wage of \$15 per hour by 2021, Mayor Hancock and Councilwoman Kniech have introduced legislation to set a citywide minimum wage for all workers employed in Denver beginning Jan. 1, 2020. In 2019, through HB19-1210, Colorado’s legislature authorized local governments to set a citywide minimum wage greater than the state constitutional wage (currently \$11.10 per hour and scheduled to increase to \$12 per hour on 1/1/2020). Denver proposes to utilize this new authority to enact a citywide minimum wage to

help those working in our city better keep up with an increasing cost of living. Extensive public engagement occurred in September and October ahead of submission to City Council.

**Proposed Wage Rates**

o \$12.85 on 1/1/2020

o \$14.77 on 1/1/2021

o \$15.87 on 1/1/2022

o Beginning 1/1/2023, wages would increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Enforcement would be through the Auditor's Office

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**