

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2012

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB12-0469
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Government & Finance

A BILL

For an Ordinance amending Section 20-76(b) of Division 3 of Article IV of Chapter 20, Treatment of Employees Associated with City Contracts.

WHEREAS, Division 3 of Article IV of Chapter 20 provides requirements for the payment of prevailing wages to employees associated with City contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Section 20-76(b) should be amended, to enable the City to assume responsibility for future increases in prevailing wage rates in certain circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. Section 20-76(b) of the Denver Revised Municipal Code shall be amended by adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

(b) Contract specifications. The specifications for every contract in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to which the city or any of its agencies is a party which requires the performance of work involving drayage or involving construction, alteration, improvements, repairs, maintenance or demolition of any public building or public work, or which requires the performance of the work of a doorkeeper, caretaker, cleaner, window washer, porter, keeper, janitor, or similar custodial or janitorial work in connection with the operation of any such public building or the prosecution of any such public work, shall contain a provision stating that the minimum wages to be paid for every class of laborer, mechanic and worker shall be not less than the scale of wages from time to time determined to be the prevailing wages under subsection (c). Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the contractor or subcontractor shall pay mechanics, laborers and workers employed directly upon the site of the work the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated or referenced in the specifications, and any addenda thereto, on the actual date of bid opening, or in effect on the date of grant of permit for performance of such work under D.R.M.C. section 49-171 et seq., or on the date of the written purchase order for contracts let by informal procedure under D.R.M.C. section 20-63(b), regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and such laborers, mechanics and workers. Increases in prevailing wages subsequent to the date of the contract for a period not to exceed one (1) year shall not be mandatory on either the contractor or subcontractors. Future increases in prevailing wages on contracts whose period of performance exceeds one (1) year shall be mandatory for the contractor and subcontractors only on the yearly anniversary date of the contract. However, as to contracts in effect as of March 1, 2011, future increases in supplemental wage rates for the heavy construction, highway construction and building construction trades approved and published by the Career Service Board shall not become mandatory on the contractor or subcontractors until the second anniversary of the date of

1 publication of the increased supplemental wage rates by the Board. Except as provided below, in
2 no event shall any increases in prevailing wages over the amounts thereof as stated in such
3 specifications result in any increased liability on the part of the city, and the possibility and risk of
4 any such increase is assumed by all contractors entering into any such contract with the city.
5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the city may determine and may expressly provide in the context
6 of specific service agreements that the city will reimburse the contractor at the increased
7 prevailing wage rate(s). Decreases in prevailing wages subsequent to the date of the contract for
8 a period not to exceed one (1) year shall not be permitted. Decreases in prevailing wages on
9 contracts whose period of performance exceed one (1) year shall not be effective except on the
10 yearly anniversary date of the contract.

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12 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: July 11, 2012

13 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: July 17, 2012

14 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____, 2012
15 _____ - PRESIDENT

16 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____, 2012

17 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
18 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
19 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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21 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____, 2012; _____, 2012

22 PREPARED BY: Lori B. Strand - Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 19, 2012

23 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
24 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
25 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
26 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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28 Douglas J. Friednash, Denver City Attorney

29 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____