

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
FACT SHEET
CHAPTER 2.121 OF THE CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE**

[Note: This fact sheet is a summary of several provisions of the Cambridge Living Wage Ordinance intended to provide an introduction to the matters regulated by the ordinance. All determinations regarding the application of the ordinance to particular individuals or circumstances should be made by reference to the ordinance itself.]

Effective date: The Cambridge City Council enacted the Living Wage Ordinance effective July 2, 1999.

Purpose: The purpose of the ordinance is to assure that employees of the City and employees of contractors, subcontractors, and beneficiaries of assistance from the City earn an hourly wage needed to support a family.

Application: The ordinance applies to (a) City employees, (b) employees of contractors and subcontractors who have Service Contracts with the City in amounts over \$10,000, (a Service Contract does not include contracts for the purchase of goods, products, equipment, supplies, or other property, and does not apply to services which are incidental to the delivery of such products, equipment or commodities), and (c) employees of Beneficiaries of Assistance in the form of grants, loans, tax incentives, bond financing, subsidies, or other forms of assistance over \$10,000, received by or through the authority or approval of the City, including but not limited to, c. 121A tax abatements, industrial development bonds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loans or grants, Enterprise Zone designations awarded after the effective date of the ordinance, and the lease of City owned land or buildings below market value.

Covered Employers: The ordinance applies to the City, any contractor or subcontractor on a Service Contract with the City over \$10,000, and any Beneficiary of Assistance over \$10,000.

Covered Employees: The ordinance applies to any person employed by a Covered Employer, and to any person employed by an independent contractor doing business with a Covered Employer, who would directly expend any of his or her time on the activities funded by the service contract or the activities for which the Beneficiary received Assistance.

Living Wage: Effective March 1, 2015 the Living Wage is \$14.95 per hour, subject to annual CPI adjustments each March 1st.

Cuts in non-wage benefits prohibited: No Covered Employer may fund any wage increase required by the ordinance by reducing health, insurance, pension, vacation, or other non-wage benefits of any of its employees.

