

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

City Manager's Office

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

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Date: February 1, 2013

RE: 2013 Wage Floor

Pursuant to the City's Tax Abatement Policy (Code Section 1-2101 *et seq.*), the wage floor hourly wage is adjusted annually based upon an annual wage "equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty threshold for a family of three (3), as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services." The 2013 HHS Poverty Guidelines, published on January 24, 2013 in the Federal Register (Document 78 FR 5182, Thursday, January 24, 2013, pp 5182-5183), establish the poverty level for a family of three at \$19,530. Therefore, the wage floor hourly wage will increase from \$11.93 in 2012 to \$12.21 in 2013. ($\$19,530 \times 1.3 = \$25,389 / 2080$ hours in one year = \$12.21/hour).

Below is a summary of the wage floor amounts since the inception of Ordinance 7706, and later Ordinance 8384:

Year	Wage Floor
2003	\$9.53
2004	\$9.79
2005	\$10.06
2006	\$10.38
2007	\$10.73
2008	\$11.00
2009	\$11.44
2010	\$11.44 ¹
2011	\$11.58
2012	\$11.93
2013	\$12.21

¹ Rate remained the same from 2009 through 2010.