

## Chicago - Proposed Living Wage Ordinance

On April 14th, 2010, Alderman Lyle proposed a new ordinance that would require any entity that receives \$250,000 or more in city financial assistance OR any business that operates at a property for which \$250,000 or more in financial assistance was provided to improve to pay wages of at least \$11.03-an-hour.

The wage requirements would apply for ten years. The wage rate would be adjusted annually. Violation of this requirement would result in claw-back of subsidies and a requirement to provide employees with back-pay, interest, and a penalty of twice the unpaid compensation in damages.

The new proposal is currently backed by Lyle and 17 of her colleagues. It was introduced in light of the proposed Wal-Mart on the Far South Side. A city panel will be reviewing the proposed new store.

Tribune Article: [http://newsblogs.chicagotribune.com/clout\\_st/2010/04/wal-mart-aldermen-chicago.html](http://newsblogs.chicagotribune.com/clout_st/2010/04/wal-mart-aldermen-chicago.html)

Draft Ordinance: <http://www.docstoc.com/docs/34309817/TIF-Living-Wage-Ordinance-%2841410%29>

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