

City of Ann Arbor

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Resolution Directing City Administrator to Develop New Administrative Policies Regarding Prevailing Wage Requirements

Whereas, Section 1:320 of Chapter 14 of City Code provides for compliance with the City's prevailing wage requirement for public improvement projects, and applies to "all craftsmen, mechanics and laborers employed directly on the site in connection with said improvements, including said employees of subcontractors;"

Whereas, This section specifically requires that the foregoing employees "shall receive the prevailing wage for the corresponding classes of craftsmen mechanics and laborers, as determined by statistics for the Ann Arbor area compiled by the United States Department of Labor;"

Whereas, A condition of award of any City contract is that the contract adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations;

Whereas, compliance with Section 1:320 of Chapter 14 of City Code is an important goal of the City of Ann Arbor; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor wishes to ensure compliance with the prevailing wage requirements by covered contractors.

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator within ninety (90) days to develop new administrative policies, where necessary, and to develop practices for better or more transparent implementation of applicable policies to:

- Increase public improvement project bidder knowledge and understanding of the City's prevailing wage requirements;
- Ensure that Ann Arbor construction bid documents for public improvement projects include clearly the prevailing wage requirements, and a plain and obvious reference or link to an appropriate resource with the applicable rates; and
- Require contractors who are subject to the prevailing wage requirements to provide the City of Ann Arbor with payroll records sufficient to demonstrate contractor compliance with the prevailing wage requirements; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that City Council directs the City Administrator to report back to Council one (1) year after implementation of the foregoing policies regarding the administration of such policies and contractor prevailing wage compliance.

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