



City of Pittsburgh

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Presented by Mr. Udin

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13 of 2001 enacted June 8, 2001, creating a Living Wage requirement for City employees and employers who receive City contracts or other forms of assistance (the "Living Wage Ordinance").

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. Whereas, by Ordinance No. 13 of 2001 enacted June 8, 2001 with an effective date of January 1, 2002, the City of Pittsburgh created a Living Wage requirement for City employees and employers who receive city contracts or other forms of city assistance, (the "Living Wage Ordinance"); and

Whereas, by Ordinance No. 35 of 2001 enacted 12-31-2001, the City delayed the effective date of the Living Wage Ordinance until April 1, 2002 in order to better assess the effects of the Living Wage Ordinance on the City's ability to compete for business investment and obtain bids for the goods and services the City need to operate; and

Whereas, in order to assess the effects of the Living Wage Ordinance the administration provided a survey to affected employers and elicited and received position statements from major non-profit employers within our region; and

Whereas, as a result of such assessment, the City has determined that implementing the Living Wage Ordinance at this time would not achieve its intended purposes in that employers who cannot or will not implement the living wage are either (1) sole source providers of goods and services to the City who will cease to respond to the City's requests for bids, or (2) able to contract with or obtain assistance from neighboring municipalities without having to comply with a living wage obligation, or (3) non-profit institutions within our City who are already reeling from the effects of reduced fund raising capacity and government assistance; and

Whereas, while we have no reliable evidence that employers who provide goods and services to the City or obtain City assistance provide unfair compensation; we do have evidence that the implementation of the Living Wage Ordinance would encumber the City's ability to attract jobs and obtain goods and services thereby placing the City of Pittsburgh at a competitive disadvantage with Allegheny County and the rest of the Country;

Section 1:

The implementation of Section 161.33 Title I Administrative, Chapter 161 is delayed until such time that

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Allegheny County implements a legally enforceable Living Wage Ordinance.