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August 1, 2007 (Revised)
MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads

FROM: Jonathan P.A. Leopold, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: August 1, 2007

SUBJECT: Livable Wage Ordinance – Revised Wage Information

As you know, the City Council adopted an Ordinance concerning a Livable Wage. Following, are the revised wages based upon the Basic Needs Budgets prepared by the State of Vermont Joint Fiscal Office and an independent evaluation of the value of City Employee Benefits. This revised Livable Wage is effective for Fiscal Year 2008. Employees who have been paid less than the wages set forth below should be compensated retroactive to July 1, 2007.

**Livable Wage:**

- Livable wage for employees who receive City Employee Benefits is now $12.95 per hour
- Livable wage for employees who do not receive City Employee Benefits is now $13.94 per hour
- Tipped employees who are covered by the ordinance shall be paid an hourly wage which, when combined with the tips will at least equal the livable wage established under the ordinance.

Please note that the distinction above between employees who receive benefits and those who do not receive benefits applies only to City employees. With regard to employees of City contractors, the differential rate is continues to be determined based on employees with employer assisted healthcare and employees who do not have employer assisted healthcare.

Attached to this memorandum are:

1. Livable Wage Notice
2. Recommended Language for Request for Proposals and Contracts
Livable Wage Ordinance

The Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance requires that if you are working on a specific City of Burlington service contract or subcontract above a certain amount your employer must pay you at least $12.02 an hour with health insurance.

$12.02

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March 1, 2005 (Revised)
MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads

FROM: Brendan S. Keleher, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Livable Wage Ordinance – Revised Wage Information

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Livable Wage:

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March 15, 2004 (Revised)
MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads

FROM: Brendan S. Keleher, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Livable Wage Ordinance – Revised Wage Information

As you know, the City Council adopted an Ordinance concerning a Livable Wage. Following, are the revised wages.

Livable Wage:

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$9.90

What Are Your Rights Under the Livable Wage?

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