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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Santa Monica Minimum Wage

$ 18.47 per hour

Rate Effective Dates: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

In accordance with the Santa Monica Minimum Wage Ordinance in Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 4.62, every employer shall pay to each employee (including temporary and part-time employees) who performs at least two hours of work in a particular work week within the geographic limits of the City of Santa Monica wages of not less than the amounts shown in this notice. The rate will be adjusted annually on July 1 according to the schedule below. Certain exemptions and deferrals are available.

Under the Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive the City's minimum wage are protected from retaliation. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the Ordinance. The City can investigate possible violations, and can enforce the minimum wage requirements. Violations of the minimum wage law include, but are not limited to:

FAILURE TO PAY THE SANTA MONICA MINIMUM WAGE

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NOTICE, POSTING, AND RECORDS REQUIREMENTS

RETALIATION

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Santa Monica Hotel Worker Living Wage

$25.00 per hour

Rate Effective Dates: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Starting July 1, 2018, the hotel worker minimum wage rate shall match the hourly wage set for hotel workers in the City of Santa Monica, in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.63.015.

The hotel living wage requirement, set forth in the Santa Monica Minimum Wage Ordinance, Municipal Code Chapter 4.63, applies to employees whose primary place of employment is at one or more hotels, and who are employed directly by the Hotel Employer or by a person who has contracted with the Hotel Employer to provide services at the hotel. Managerial, supervisory, or confidential employees are not included in the definition.

An employer that contracts, leases, or sublets premises connected to the hotel and operated in conjunction with the hotel, or that provides services at the hotel, must also pay the hotel living wage. The hotel living wage does not apply to hostels.

Under the Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive the Santa Monica hotel living wage are protected from retaliation. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the Ordinance. The City can investigate possible violations, and can enforce the hotel living wage requirements. Available remedies include but are not limited to reinstatement of employees, payment of wages unlawfully withheld, and monetary penalties.

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Santa Monica Paid Sick Leave

Effective Date: January 1, 2017

Starting **January 1, 2017,** employers are required to provide paid sick time to their employees who work within Santa Monica city limits in accordance with Santa Monica's Paid Sick Leave provisions in Municipal Code Section 4.62.025.

Employers with 26 or more employees	Employers with 25 or fewer employees
72 hours	40 hours

Employees are eligible for paid sick leave if they perform at least two hours of work in a particular work week within the geographic limits of the City of Santa Monica, and qualify as an employee entitled to payment of a minimum wage from any employer under the California Labor Code and wage orders published by the California Industrial Welfare Commission. Employees can use sick leave consistent with the California Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014.

Paid sick leave will begin to accrue at the start of an employee's employment. Employees can use accrued paid sick leave after the first 90 days of employment or consistent with the employer's policies, whichever is sooner.

For every 30 hours worked, an employee shall accrue one hour of paid sick leave. Employers may choose to provide greater sick leave benefits. An employee's accrued paid sick leave carries over from year to year (calendar year, fiscal year, or year of employment) up to the accrual limit shown above, except that no accrual or carryover is required if the employer provides the full amount of leave required at the start of each calendar year, fiscal year, or year of employment.

Under the Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive paid sick leave are protected from retaliation. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the Paid Sick Leave provisions. The City can investigate possible violations, and can enforce the paid sick leave requirements. Available remedies include but are not limited to reinstatement of employees, payment of paid sick leave unlawfully withheld, and monetary penalties.

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Santa Monica Service Charge Law

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Starting **July 1, 2016**, employers using service charges must abide by regulations in the Minimum Wage Ordinance, Municipal Code Section 4.62.040. This means that employers must:

- Pay all revenue collected as a **service charge** to the workers who generally performed the services for which the charge was collected (can include back-of-house)
- Pay any revenue collected as a **health-care related surcharge** to the employee through (i) depositing into segregated accounts controlled by the employee or (ii) paying to the employee in wages
- Inform employees of service charge distribution
- Keep records of service charge distribution

Employers may pay service charge revenue to employees whose primary role is not supervisory or managerial. Employers must also provide clear and conspicuous notice to customers of any service charges and their use.

Employers will distribute amounts collected for hotel banquets or hotel-catered meetings, hotel room service, or hotel porterage service to the employees directly providing the service. Employers that had an existing practice of pooling and distributing service charges prior to the Minimum Wage effective date may continue with this practice.

Under the Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive service charge revenue are protected from retaliation. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the service charge provisions. The City can investigate possible violations, and can enforce the service charge requirements. Available remedies include but are not limited to reinstatement of employees, payment of service charges unlawfully withheld, and monetary penalties.

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