

Public Policy Newsletter

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July 1st Minimum Wage Increase

The Illinois minimum wage will increase for the second time in 2020, increasing from \$9.25 an hour to \$10.00 an hour on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. This is the second increase in a series of seven which will ultimately increase Illinois' minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour on January 1, 2025. A chart from the Illinois Department of Labor outlining the rate structure can be found [here](#).

Businesses with 50 or fewer full time employees can take advantage of a limited income tax credit to offset some of the increases. The Illinois Department of Revenue has published [guidance for employers](#) who wish to claim the limited tax credit.

Other state public policy and related news

Phase 4 reopening to begin this Friday, state issues [phase 4 reopening guidance](#).

Illinois [releases guidance](#) for [K-12 schools](#), [higher education](#), and [community colleges](#).

Illinois announces new [Business Interruption Grant](#) to help businesses combat the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ameren Illinois [extends](#) its COVID-19 Economic Hardship Recovery Program.



Federal public policy and related news

Negotiations continue regarding additional COVID-19 [stimulus package](#).

IRS expands [criteria to withdraw money](#) from retirement plans for those affected by COVID-19.

[The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act](#) gives businesses greater flexibility.

The PPP EZ forgiveness application is now available - [instructions](#) and [application](#).

The PPP full forgiveness application is also available - [instructions](#) and [application](#).



Local public policy and related news

Springfield elected officials split on [accepting raises](#).

Plans announced to address drainage problems for [Ward 3](#) with capital bill funds.

Local [Remdesivir](#) trial shows positive results.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Resources and Information](#).



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: AMP Line Trap, Roadway Improvements: Iles, Lenhart & Bunker Hill Roads, Stevenson Drive Radio Tower Repair (Rebid), Circuit Switcher & Capacitor Bank Package, 2020 Water Distribution System Leak Detection, CWLP 138kV Line 34 Reconductor, Know B4 Online Training (3 Years), Video Image Vehicle Tracking and Detection System, and Polymer & Treatment Protocol for Generating Facilities Waste Water Treatment Plant (3 years).

Requests for Proposals: Sale of Real Property 2019, 457c Deferred Compensation Plan Administrative and Record Keeper Services, On/Near-Site Health Clinic, Third-Party Administrative Services and Utilization Review Program, and Sale of Reclaimed Barn Lumber.

