

  
Councilmember Elissa Silverman

AN AMENDMENT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Amendment offered by: Councilmember Elissa Silverman

To: B21-399, "Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment  
Expansion Amendment Act of 2015"

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Amend section 2, beginning Page 1, Line 31 as follows:

On page 1, line 31, strike "\$9.25" and insert "no less than the minimum wage specified in section 4 of the Minimum Wage Act Revision Act of 1992, effective March 25, 1993 (D.C. Law 9-248; D.C. Official Code § 32-1003)" in its place.

**Rationale:**

Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program participants ages 22 to 24 should be eligible to earn at least the District of Columbia Minimum Wage, which rises from \$10.50 per hour now to \$11.50 per hour on July 1, 2016.

The DC Council has determined that lower wages are insufficient to pay basic living expenses in the District and although youth in younger age groups have historically been paid at lower hourly rates, we should not establish a precedent in passing a permanent expansion of paying adults older than age 21 wages below the minimum wage that private employers are required to pay.

Other cities like New York City, Boston, and Chicago all pay their summer youth program participants at least their locally applicable minimum wage and the District should as well.