SECURE SCHEDULING
Adding Stability & Predictability to Workers’ Schedules & Incomes

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Problem
Retail and food services employees currently bear a significant burden of unpredictability in the workplace: last minute schedule changes, inadequate hours, back-to-back shifts that prevent a good night’s sleep, and being on call without being paid.

Solution
Secure Scheduling will give employees more stability in their schedules as well as opportunities to earn additional, predictable income if desired.

Who
Hourly Seattle employees working at:
- Retail, food services or drinking establishments with 500+ employees worldwide
- Full-service restaurants with 500+ worldwide employees and 40+ full service locations worldwide

How It Works

Schedule Set 14 Days in Advance
Employers must give employees their schedules 14 days in advance.

- When the employer subtracts hours, the employee is paid for half of the hours not worked.
- When the employer adds hours, the employee is paid for one additional hour.
- When an employer doesn’t ask an on-call employee to report for duty, the employee is paid half the hours not worked.

Right to Rest
Employees have a right to decline closing and opening shifts that are separated by less than 10 hours.

- If the gap between the closing and opening is less than 10 hours, time-and-a-half kicks in for the difference. e.g. 8 hour gap = 2 hours of time-and-a-half.

Worker Schedule Input
To help balance their other commitments, like caring for a family member, working another job and attending school, employees may request preferences on their schedule.

Maintain Workers’ Flexibility
The City understands the flexible benefits of working in the retail and food services industries. Employees will continue to enjoy their current flexibility; they can swap shifts and pick-up new shifts.

Access to Full-Time Hours
Before hiring new employees, employers must offer additional hours to qualified internal candidates. Part-time unpredictable pay isn’t enough to make ends meet in an increasingly expensive city.

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