

**Chapter 60.34 RCW**  
**LIEN OF RESTAURANT, HOTEL, TAVERN, ETC., EMPLOYEES**

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**RCW 60.34.010 Liens authorized.** Every person performing labor in the operation of any restaurant, hotel, tavern, or other place of business engaged in the selling of prepared foods or drinks, or any hotel service employee, shall have a lien on the earnings and on all the property of his or her employer used in the operation of said business to the extent of the moneys due him or her for labor performed within three months next preceding the filing of his or her claim therefor. [2012 c 117 s 150; 1953 c 205 s 1.]

**RCW 60.34.020 Notice of lien—Contents—Filing and serving.** The lien claimant shall within thirty days after he or she has ceased to perform such labor, file for record with the auditor of the county in which the labor was performed a notice of claim, containing a statement of his or her demand, the name of the employer and the name of the person employing him or her, if known, with a statement of the terms and conditions of his or her contract, if any, and the time he or she commenced the employment, and the date of his or her last service, and shall serve or mail a copy thereof to said employer within said period. [2012 c 117 s 151; 1953 c 205 s 2.]

**RCW 60.34.030 Manner of serving notice.** Service of the notice of claim may be made in the same manner as summons in civil actions. [1953 c 205 s 3.]

*Service of summons in civil actions: RCW 4.28.080.*

**RCW 60.34.040 Manner of enforcing liens—Costs.** The lien may be enforced within the same time and in the same manner as mechanics' liens are foreclosed, when said lien is upon real property, or in the same manner as provided in chapter 60.10 RCW when the lien is upon personal property. The court may allow as part of the costs of the action the money paid for filing or recording the claim and a reasonable attorney fee. [1995 c 62 s 8; 1969 c 82 s 12; 1959 c 173 s 1; 1953 c 205 s 4.]

**RCW 60.34.050 Priority of lien.** The lien created herein shall be preferred to any encumbrance which may attach after the commencement of the labor and is also preferred to any encumbrance which may have attached previously to that time, but which was not filed or recorded so as to create constructive notice thereof prior to

that time, and of which the lien claimant had no notice. [1953 c 205  
s 5.]