

ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGNATED PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V OF THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S PURCHASING AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-182 (b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) The following procedures shall apply to purchases of or contracts for any supplies, materials or equipment for the various offices, departments and agencies of city government (purchases) or for the construction of municipal improvements (contracts):

(1) All purchases or contracts where the expenditure therefore is two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or less may be made by the city administrator, or designated representative, without securing oral or written competitive quotes.

(2) All purchases or contracts where the expenditure is more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more, but less than seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500) may be made by the city administrator, or designated representative, after securing oral competitive quotes therefor.

SECTION 2: Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-183 (c) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Where the amount of any expenditure for the construction of municipal improvements is \$50,000.00 or more, the city administrator or designated representative shall invite competitive bidding thereon by legal advertisement published one time in a daily local newspaper. Bids must be submitted via the city's vendor self-service system. Bids received pursuant to such advertisement shall be opened not less than 15 days including the date of invitation to bid. The bidding procedure as set forth in this and other provisions of the city shall not be exclusive of other state-mandated bidding procedures.

SECTION 3: Emergency Clause. In recognition of normal inflation and other factors contributing to rising costs and realizing the City of Fort Smith often needs to respond to purchasing needs in an expedited fashion through authority provided to the City Administrator, the Board of Directors determines that there is an immediate need for the effectiveness of these proposed Code changes, and thus an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance will be in full force and effect from this date.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF October, 2023.

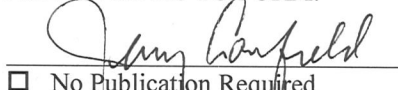
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City Clerk

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