

PURCHASING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

09-0414R

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHARTER COMMISSION RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8 OF THE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO CONTRACTS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council hereby requests the Charter commission to recommend an amendment to Section 8 of the City Charter relating to contracts which are not subject to competitive bidding requirements authorizing the award of such contracts up to an amount as set forth by ordinance, which proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Section 8 of the City Charter authorizes executive and administrative officers of the city to make contracts which are not subject to competitive bidding requirements and which involve less than \$10,000 pursuant to appropriations made by ordinance. This resolution requests that the Charter commission recommend amending this Section to eliminate the stated dollar amount in the Charter and instead to authorize that an amount be set forth by ordinance.

Currently Section 41-32 of the City Code relating to purchasing authorizes the purchasing agent, with approval of the administrative assistant, to award contracts not subject to the competitive bidding process that involve an expenditure of \$10,000 or less. The proposed Charter amendment would allow the city council to establish by ordinance a limit more reflective of current costs for such services.