

PURCHASING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

09-043-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 PURCHASING PROVISIONS,
AMENDING SECTION 41-32 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS
AMENDED.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 41-32 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended,
is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 41-32. Contracts not subject to competitive bidding process.

The purchasing agent, with the approval of the chief administrative
officer~~administrative assistant~~, is authorized to award contracts not subject to
the competitive bidding process that involve an expenditure of \$25,000~~10,000~~ or
less.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 90 days after its passage
and publication.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

PURCH/ATTY JC:cjk 8/4/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance approves a change to the City Code Chapter

41, Section 41-32 regarding contracts not subject to competitive bidding requirements. This ordinance is a companion to ordinance 09-040-0 which amends the City Charter to eliminate the stated dollar amount for contracts not subject to competitive bidding requirements and instead authorizes that amount be established by ordinance. This ordinance establishes a dollar amount of \$25,000. This amendment is the last change in the process to bring the Code into conformance with state statute. Efficiencies to be had by this update include decreasing the number of resolutions required to be handled by staff and city council and shortening the city's time frame for receiving services and goods of a lesser magnitude. The city council will still have the control of the purchasing process by virtue of its control of the city budget.