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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 1-17-1(A): of the Evanston City Code Increasing The Bid Limit from \$15,000 to \$20,000

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That Title 1, Section 1-17-1(A) of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended, is further amended by deleting subsection 4 in its entirety and substituting *in lieu* thereof the following new subsection:

1-17-1: PURCHASES OF GOODS OR SERVICES:

All contracts for the purchase of goods or services costing in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be utilized in the conduct of the affairs of the City, shall be let by the City Manager or his or her designee, with the approval of the City Council, to a reliable, responsible and acceptable bidder, after advertising for the same, and bonds to be approved by the City Council may be taken for the faithful performance thereof. The City Manager, or his or her designee, may reject all bids and shall subsequently advise the City Council of his or her action or, with the approval of the City Council, may award the contract to a bidder other than the lowest bidder if it should be determined that such action would be in the best interest of the City. Any such contract may also be entered into by the proper officers without advertising for bids upon the authorization of the City Council by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Aldermen then holding office. Notwithstanding the above, the City Manager or his or her designee shall have the authority to make purchases in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) without prior Council approval when there is an imminent threat to the property of the City or its citizens or the health and welfare of its citizens; or when there is a substantial economic benefit to the City not otherwise obtainable; providing, however, that a report of said purchase shall be promptly made to the City Council.

All other contracts for the provision of goods or services to be utilized in the conduct of the affairs of the City shall be let by the City Manager or his or her designee to a

reliable, responsible person, firm or agency without the necessity of advertising for bids, or of obtaining prior City Council approval. Bonds may be taken for faithful performance of such contracts. This provision shall not apply to contracts for work, material or supplies to be paid in whole or in part by special assessment.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: September 26, 2005

Adopted: () Table 10, 2005

approved: October 11, 2005

Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:

Corporation Counsel

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