

**129-O-19**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending City Code Section 1-17-1, "Purchases of Goods or Services"**

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

**SECTION 1:** City Code Subsection 1-17-1, "Purchases of Goods or Services," of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**1-17-1. - PURCHASES OF GOODS OR SERVICES.**

- (A) All contracts for the purchase of goods or services costing in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be utilized in the conduct of the affairs of the City, shall be let by the City Manager or his/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/her designee, may reject all bids and shall subsequently advise the City Council of his/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/her designee shall have the authority to make purchases in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) 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/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**SECTION 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

**SECTION 4:** Ordinance 129-O-19 shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

**SECTION 5:** The findings and recitals contained herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

Introduced: October 23, 2019

Adopted: November 11, 2019

Approved:

December 16, 2019

Stephen H. Hagerty  
Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:

*Eduardo Gomez*

~~Devon Reid, City Clerk~~

Eduardo Gomez, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

*Michelle L. Masoncup*

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