

Revision to Text of Proposed Amendment No. O-8 – as Amended June 1, 2016

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Section 9.15 -- Purchasing, Contracts, Claims and Bonds

(1) The Council shall, by ordinance, establish procedures for procuring supplies, services, materials, and equipment, the awarding of claims, and the sale or refunding of bonds. ~~All~~ ~~Public works construction shall be performed following competitive bidding by independent contractors, when the projected value of a project exceeds \$25,000.00~~ when required by ordinance or state law. The ordinance shall provide how invitations for bids shall be advertised.

(2) The ordinance shall establish procedures to procure professional services on the basis of negotiated fees with professionals selected as most appropriate for the particular service, and shall require advertising and written proposals prior to the selection process. Selection may include consideration of experience, facilities, ability, equal opportunity and location.

(3) All purchases, contracts and bonds subject to bid procedures shall be advertised and, unless all bids are rejected, shall be awarded on the basis of sealed bidding to the lowest and best responsible bidder. The County shall demand a deposit by each bidder in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bid bond in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid, such amount to be specified in the call for bids for the following projects:

- (a) construction projects issued subject to sealed bids, and
- (b) other contracts made subject to sealed bids by the County purchasing agent, when he deems it appropriate.

(4) All contracts shall be prepared in coordination with and approved to legal form by the Prosecuting Attorney.

(Amendment No. 5, Approved November 3, 1987; Originally Adopted November 4, 1980)