

ORDINANCE NO. 915
2ND SERIES

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.07 AND SECTION 10.3 OF THE HOME
RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does ORDAIN that the Home Rule Charter of the City of Alexandria be amended as follows:

Article VII

Sec. 7.07. Contracts and Purchases

Subd. 1. Bids Required When.

In cases of work to be done by contract or in the purchase of property of any kind, where the amount involved is more than the amount authorized by state statute to be expended without securing competitive bids therefore, unless the council, by an emergency ordinance, shall otherwise provide, the city clerk shall procure bids in such manner as may be designated by the City Council. Contracts of this magnitude shall be let only to the lowest responsible bidder. The City Council, however, may reject any and all bids. This section shall not apply to contracts or purchases of the Board of Public Utilities as set forth in Section 10.03, Subd. 3. Nothing herein shall prohibit the City Council from authorizing the use of alternative forms of municipal contracting allowed by state law.

Article X

Sec. 10.03. Powers of Board.

Subd. 3. Contracts.

The Board shall have authority to contract for equipment and construction of additional facilities without specific approval by the City Council where the cost incurred shall not exceed the sum authorized to be expended by the City of Alexandria pursuant to applicable State Statutes without first securing competitive bids. If the cost exceeds the amount authorized to be expended without securing competitive bids, it shall first be authorized by the board and City Council. In all cases of work to be done by contract or in the purchase of personal property or supplies, where the amount is more than the amount authorized to be expended in accordance with state statutes without competitive bidding, unless the City Council shall, by and emergency resolution otherwise provide, the council shall advertise for bids. Contracts of this magnitude shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. The council may, however, reject any and all bids. Nothing herein shall prohibit the City Council from authorizing the Board to use alternative forms of municipal contracting allowed by state law; provided, however, that unless the City Council authorizes the Board to enter into such contracts without City Council approval, all such contracts are subject to the City Council's approval.

Subd. 4. Real Property.

Except in the case of utility easements approved by the Board, all purchase, sale, lease and any other real property contract for the Board's purposes shall be subject to City Council approval.

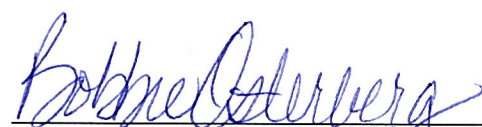
SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 9th day of December 2024, by the following vote:

YES: FRANZEN, THALMAN, ALLEN, MACE, WIENER

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



Bobbie Osterberg, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator