

Supplemental Memorandum Regarding Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27.

Background:

At the City Council's June 26, 2023, regular meeting, Council Bill No. 2023-27 (the "Bill") was postponed by the Council. During the public hearings for the Bill, members of the City Council expressed some concerns about the delegation of authority granted to staff by the Bill. The Bill was postponed, allowing City staff time to address the Council's concerns.

In the interim period, staff have prepared Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27 (the "Substitute Bill").

Analysis:

The Substitute Bill provides several substantive modifications to the original text of the Bill.

The first modification made by the Substitute Bill is to change the purchasing thresholds originally presented. The original Bill contained three levels of purchasing thresholds: 1.) purchases under \$5,000, 2.) purchases between \$5,000 and \$20,000, and 3.) purchases over \$20,000. The Substitute Bill proposes to change the thresholds to: 1.) purchases under \$5,000, 2.) purchases between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and 3.) purchases over \$10,000. This modification will keep the new provisions in line with current practice. This is a recommended approach as it eases the implementation of the Ordinance by keeping new standards consistent with current standards.

To that end, the Substitute Bill also contains a delayed effective date. If approved by the Council, the provisions of the Ordinance would not go into effect until 30 days after its passage. This will allow staff time to adjust to the changes made to the City's procurement methods.

Another substantial modification is found in Section 2-165 (beginning on line 194 of the Substitute Bill). A new subsection (b) has been included in the Substitute Bill and this new subsection provides additional provisions to address concerns regarding the delegation question.

The new subsection (b) requires staff to obtain Council's authorization (by seeking a Resolution from the Council) before utilizing a request for bid, proposal, or





qualification process. This requirement only applies to purchases which would total \$10,000 or more.

The intent is to include the Council on important purchasing decisions early in the purchasing process. By seeking authority from the Council in this way, the Council can make its policy preferences known at the beginning of the procurement process instead of at the end. Under the City's current procurement regulations, the Council approval occurs after the purchase has been solicited by City staff. This is inefficient and puts the Council in the position of either accepting the solicitation requirements drafted by staff or restarting the process from the beginning. The new approach brings the Council into the discussion earlier and should allow the City to avoid unnecessary delays.

The next substantive modification made by the Substitute Bill is found at section 2-170 (beginning on line 293 of the Substitute Bill). This language has been edited because of the additions made to Section 2-165(b). In short, cooperative purchases totaling \$10,000.00 or more will require express approval from the City Council. Because cooperative purchases are not solicited by the City, this Section needed to be amended to accommodate the modifications made to Section 2-165(b). Seeking Council approval for each cooperative purchase of \$10,000.00 or more will not cause any undue delay for the City since the cooperative purchasing exception does not require the City to solicit these purchases in the first place.

Finally, the last substantive modification is found in Section 2-181 (beginning on line 427 of the substitute bill). Section 2-181 of the original Bill addresses when City staff may apply for grant funding without Council approval. The new language added by the Substitute Bill increases the City Administrator's authority from \$5,000 to \$10,000. In addition, a new paragraph has been added to the Section which authorizes City staff to apply for any amount of non-matching grant funding when the notice of application and the deadline for submission for the grant is no longer than 30 days apart.

Recommendation:

Staff have prepared a motion to substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27 with Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27. The effect of this motion will be to replace the original Council Bill with the Council Bill designated as Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27.

Staff believes that the addition of the requirement for Council to authorize the solicitation for Contracts of \$10,000 or more creates a more transparent and efficient procurement process. Additionally, the additional authorization applicable to grant funding establishes a more efficient process. For these



reasons, staff recommends that Council adopt the motion to substitute and then approve the substitute Council Bill.

MEMO SUBMITTED BY: Nick Woodman | City Attorney

Attachments:

Amendment No. 1 (Motion to amend by substitution); and Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27.





1 2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE NIXA CITY CODE BY REPEALING SECTION 2-150 AND ADDING A NEW
3	ARTICLE THERETO TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE CITY'S
4	PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES.
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7	WHEREAS the City's current competitive procurement regulations are enshrined
8	by a Resolution of the Council; and
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10	WHEREAS the City's current competitive procurement regulations are unclear and
11	difficult to interpret; and
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13	WHEREAS the City Council desires to adopt the City's competitive procurement
14	regulations by ordinance and to codify said ordinance into the City Code; and
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16	WHEREAS the Council also desires to update the City's competitive procurement
17	regulations in an attempt establish a more efficient and clear process; and
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19	WHEREAS as part of these updates and amendments, the Council also desires
20	to codify certain requirements and authorities related to City's contract procedures
21	generally.
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23	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
24	NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:
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26	SECTION 1: Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-150 of the Nixa City Code is hereby
27	amended by repealing said Section in its entirety.
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29	SECTION 2: Chapter 2 of the Nixa City Code is hereby amended by adding thereto
30	a new Article, Article V, which said Article shall read as follows:
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33	is indicated by being stricken.)
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47	the lowest-priced bid and being the most responsive and qualified amongst the
48	bidders.
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50	(2) "Competitive procurement process" means competitive bid, request for proposals, and
51	request for qualifications.
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53	(3) "Emergency purchases" are purchases necessitated by nonrecurring emergencies
54	posing a substantial danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public or of a risk
55	of substantial financial loss to the city or of a risk of the interruption of public services
56	unless the required supplies, materials, equipment, or services are not obtained as
57	expeditiously as possible.
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59	(4) "Public improvements" are those fixed works constructed for public use or benefit or
60	improvements upon the property of the city which serve to further the operations of
61	the city.
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63	(5) "Request for proposals" is a competitive procurement process in which the
64	specifications or description of the purchase are not definite or specific and the nature
65	of the purchase is such that subjective evaluation criteria other than cost is necessary
66	to determine the best approach for the city's needs.
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68	(6) "Request for qualifications" is a qualification-based competitive procurement process
69 70	in which firms submit their qualifications to be considered for providing a service
70 71	requested by the city.
71 72	(7) "Sole-source suppliers" are suppliers of supplies, materials, equipment, or services
	that are unique, or which are not available from more than one competitive source in
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74 75	the normal course of business.
76	Sec. 2-161. – Purpose.
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78	This Division has been adopted to ensure that the procurement of supplies, materials,
79	equipment, and services on behalf of the city is timely, cost-effective, and allows for the
80	most open, competitive purchasing process practicable, while also treating all vendors
81	equitably; to ensure that the public has confidence in the city's procurement processes;
82	to ensure that the highest quality goods and services are secured at the lowest possible
83	price; and to clearly define the authority for exercising purchasing functions on behalf of
84	the city. The provisions of this Division shall be interpreted consistent with the purposes
85	articulated herein.
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87	Sec. 2-162. – Scope of division; rules and procedures; delegation authorized.
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89	(a) This Division delegates authority to the city administrator to contract for the purchase
90	of supplies, materials, equipment, and services on behalf of the city. This Division
91	does not impose procedural limitations on the city council or otherwise limit the power

92	of the city council to contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, and
93	services.
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95	(b) The city administrator is authorized to establish additional rules and procedures to
96	implement the provisions of this Division. Such additional rules and procedures shall
97	be in writing and filed with the city clerk and be made available for public inspection.
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99	(c) The city administrator is authorized to delegate the authority granted in this Division
100	to other city officials or employees provided that such delegation is made in writing
101	and filed with the city clerk who shall maintain a copy of such delegation in their office.
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103	Sec. 2-163. – Authority of city administrator to contract on behalf of the city – General
104	provisions.
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106	(a) Subject to the requirements of this Division, the city administrator is authorized to
107	contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, and services when funds
108	for such purpose have been appropriated by the city council and a competitive
109	procurement process is utilized.
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111	(b) The city administrator is authorized to execute change orders and contract
112	amendments in connection with any contract entered into under the authority of this
113	Division, provided that the total amount of all such change orders or contract
114	amendments shall not exceed fifteen percent of the original contract price.
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116	(c) The city administrator is authorized, when utilizing a competitive procurement process,
117	to award a contract to a contractor that, in the judgment of the city administrator, provides the lowest cost and is the best, most responsive, and most responsible
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119 120	<u>contractor. The city administrator may split the award between two or more contractors</u> if, in the judgment of the city administrator, it is in the best interest of the city to split
120	the award.
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123	(d) The city administrator is authorized to accept or reject all bids, proposals, or
124	qualifications submitted as part of a competitive procurement process and to waive
125	any technical deficiencies in any submitted bid, proposal, or other response. Nothing
126	in this Division shall be construed as requiring the city administrator to accept the
127	lowest priced bid, proposal, or response or to accept any bid, proposal, or response.
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129	(e) The city administrator, when utilizing a competitive procurement process, shall keep
130	all bids, proposals, qualifications, or responses submitted to the city closed and
131	confidential to preserve the competitive nature of the competitive procurement
132	process undertaken. Such bids, proposals, or responses shall be open and available
133	for public inspection once the need to close the documents is no longer present. This
134	subsection shall be construed subject to sections 610.010 through 610.035 of the
135	Revised Statutes of Missouri.
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137	(f) The city administrator shall not enter into any contracts pursuant to the authority
138	granted by this Division which have a term exceeding five years. This subsection shall
139	not apply to contracts for the purchase of items or services for data processing,
140	software, or electronic databases.
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142	(g) The city administrator may utilize an electronic solicitation system if the system is
143	secure and allows for bids or proposals to be opened only at the time designated for
144	opening.
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146	(h) The purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and services shall not be split into
147	multiple contracts or transactions to avoid the requirements of this Division.
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149	(i) The city administrator shall report to the City Council on all purchases made utilizing
150	the authority of this Division which exceed \$5,000.00. Said report shall be provided to
151	the City Council at regular meetings of the Council. The city administrator shall be
152	required to provide the procurement method, the contract amount, the total number of
153	qualified responses received, the Contractor, and other information that the city
154	administrator desires to report. The reporting term of this subsection shall cover
155	contracts entered into in the 30 days prior to the regular City Council meeting in which
156	the report is offered.
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158	Sec. 2-164. – Competitive procurement process required; exceptions.
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160	(a) All contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, and services shall be
161	entered into only after a competitive procurement process has been utilized.
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163	(b) The city administrator may enter into contracts for emergency purchases without
164	following a competitive procurement process. The city administrator shall certify in
165	writing that the purchase is an emergency within the meaning of this Division by a
166	memorandum that sets forth the nature of the emergency.
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168	(c) The city administrator may enter into contracts with sole-source suppliers without
169	following a competitive procurement process. The city administrator shall certify in
170	writing that each purchase from a sole source supplier under this subsection meets
171	the requirements of this Division.
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173	(d) The city administrator may enter into contracts for professional services without
174	following a competitive procurement process when factors such as prior experience,
175	skills, education, local knowledge, or unique knowledge are considerations in
176	selecting the contractor. This subsection shall not apply to contracts for architectural,
177	engineering, and land surveying services.
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179	(e) The city administrator may enter into contracts for insurance without following a
180	competitive procurement process when said insurance has a standard premium set
181	by the State of Missouri, or which is exempted from competitive procurement by
182	section 537.620 RSMo.

183 184 185 186 187 188	(f) The city administrator may enter into contracts for the purchase of items or services for data processing, software, or electronic databases without following a competitive procurement process when the city administrator has determined that the item, service, or software is convenient for the continuing operations of the city or a city department.
189 190 191 192	(g) The city administrator shall, when time and business conditions permit, and to the greatest extent possible, utilize the procurement process established in section 2-166 when a purchase falls within the above categories.
193 194 195	Sec. 2-165. – Contracts of ten thousand dollars or more.
195 196 197 198 199	(a) The city administrator shall not contract for the purchase of any supplies, materials, equipment, or services costing \$10,000.00 or more unless a competitive procurement process has been utilized and the provisions of this section have been followed.
200 201 202 203 204 205 206	(b) Prior to advertising for sealed competitive bids, proposals, or qualifications the city administrator shall obtain an authorizing resolution from the city council for purchases totaling \$10,000.00 or more. When seeking an authorizing resolution from the city council the city administrator shall present the proposed solicitation to the council for review. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment.
200 207 208 209 210	(c) The city administrator shall advertise for sealed competitive bids, proposals, or qualifications in a manner reasonably calculated to provide notice of the purchase at least five days before the time set for the opening of bids or proposals.
210 211 212 213 214	(d) All bids, proposals, or qualifications must be sealed and addressed to the city and must be received at the designated location, by the designated time for receipt, and on the day specified in the solicitation issued by the city.
215 216 217 218 219	(e) The bids, proposals, or qualifications shall be opened by the city administrator at a location specified in the solicitation issued by the city during normal city business hours on the day specified in the solicitation, if practicable. If not practicable, then the bids or proposals shall be opened on the earliest day thereafter.
220 221 222	<u>Sec. 2-166. – Contracts of five thousand dollars or more but less than ten thousand dollars.</u>
222 223 224 225 226 227	(a) The city administrator shall not contract for the purchase of any supplies, materials, equipment, or services costing \$5,000.00 or more but less than \$10,000.00 unless a competitive procurement process has been utilized and the provisions of this section or the procurement process of section 2-165 have been followed.

228	(b) The city administrator shall solicit by telephone, written notice, or other reasonable
229	means, at least three competitive written bids, proposals, or qualifications if three
230	independent vendors are available.
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232	Sec. 2-167. – Records related to procurement processes and contracts.
233 234	The city administrator shall maintain records related to and documenting the procurement
234 235	processes authorized herein and contracts entered into by the city pursuant to the
235	authority granted by this Division. The records to be maintained pursuant to this section
230	shall include the reason for the specific procurement process utilized, the basis for the
238	award and contract pricing, as well as documentation evidencing the basis for other
239	significant decisions that were part of the procurement process. These records shall be
240	maintained pursuant to the State of Missouri's records retention schedules or for the
241	duration of time required by the federal government if required due to the utilization of
242	federal funds.
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244	<u>Sec. 2-168. – Request for proposals – authorized when.</u>
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246	(a) The city administrator may utilize a request for proposals procurement process for the
247	purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or services, subject to the requirements
248	of this section.
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250	(b) The city administrator may utilize a request for proposal procurement process when a
251	combination of the following factors indicate that said process is the most
252 253	advantageous procurement process for the purchase:
255 254	(1) Definite specifications for the purchase cannot be reasonably determined in
255	advance.
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257	(2) Several methods of performance related to the purchase may satisfy the city's
258	requirements.
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260	(3) The qualifications of firms and the quality of their service are more motivating
261	factors than price.
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263	(4) The nature of the purchase is such that subjective evaluation criteria other than
264	cost are necessary to determine the best method of performance.
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266	(c) When utilizing a request for proposal procurement process, subjective criteria may be
267	used in the evaluation of competing proposals, however the criteria in which proposals
268	are to be evaluated and the relative value of such evaluation criteria shall be
269	established in the invitation for proposals issued by the city.
270	(d) All proposals must be sealed and addressed to the situ
271 272	(d) All proposals must be sealed and addressed to the city.
272	Sec. 2-169. – Request for qualifications – authorized when.
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274	(a) The city administrator may authorize a request for qualification process for consulting
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277	advantageous to the city.
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279	(b) The most qualified firm shall be selected based on their qualifications alone. The fee
280	for services may be negotiated but it shall not be the sole determining factor in the
281	selection of the most qualified firm.
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283	(c) If terms cannot be negotiated between the city and the most qualified firm, the city
284	administrator may then proceed to negotiate with the next qualified firm and so on,
285	until a final contract is negotiated.
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287	(d) This method shall be utilized when contracting for professional architectural,
288	engineering, and land surveying services and shall comply with sections 8.285 and
289	8.291 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and other applicable provisions of state law.
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291	<u>Sec. 2-170. – Cooperative purchasing.</u>
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293	The city administrator is authorized to participate in cooperative purchasing programs
294	with the United States or any agency of the United States, with the State of Missouri or
295	any agency, municipality, or political subdivision of the State of Missouri, with other states
296	or any agency, municipality or political subdivision of any of the state, or with any
297	association of municipalities or political subdivisions, provided that the cooperative
298	purchasing program of the other entity or agency followed is substantially similar to a
299	competitive procurement process. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a cooperative
300	purchase totals \$10,000.00 or more, such contract must be submitted to the city council
301	for approval.
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303	<u>Sec. 2-171. – Sale of surplus material.</u>
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305	(a) A department head having charge of any surplus, obsolete, or unused supplies,
306	materials, or equipment may request that the city administrator dispose of the
307	property. The city administrator is authorized to sell the property in any form of open
307	market competition to the highest bidder. The city administrator may set a minimum
	sale price and reject any bid that, in the city administrator's judgment, is not a fair sale
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312	(b) The city administrator is authorized to sell or dispose of any surplus, obsolete or
313	unused supplies, materials, or equipment to any governmental entity without open
314	market competition.
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316	<u>Sec. 2-172. – Debarment.</u>
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318 319 320 321	(a) The city administrator is authorized to debar a person, firm, business, or organization from consideration for award of contracts issued pursuant to this Division for any of the following reasons:
322 323 324 325	(1) Conviction of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.
326 327 328 329	(2) Conviction under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of integrity or honesty or negatively affects responsibility as a city contractor or vendor.
330 331 332 333	(3) Conviction under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals.
334 335 336	(4) Deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with contract specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract.
337 338 339 340 341	(5) A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor or vendor shall not be considered as a basis for debarment.
341 342 343 344	(6) The person is in arrears on any debt owed to the city or has a history of being in arrears on debts owed to the city.
345 346 347	(7) Any other cause so serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a city contractor or vendor, including debarment by another governmental entity for any reason.
348 349 350 351 352 353 354 355	(b) A person debarred pursuant to this section shall be ineligible to bid or submit proposals for a city contract while debarred. The debarred person may request reinstatement with the city administrator and the city administrator may lift the debarment status upon a showing that the debarred person is not a risk regarding their ability to faithfully and adequately perform under a city contract. Such determinations may be appealed in the same manner as set forth herein.
353 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363	(c) The city administrator shall initiate a debarment by serving written notice of the debarment to the person the city administrator intends to debar. The notice shall set forth the specific grounds for the debarment. The notice shall be served by regular or certified mail or by hand delivering a copy of the notice to the person subject to the debarment or the person's agent or employee. The debarment shall take effect ten days from the service of the notice unless an appeal is taken. If an appeal is taken, the debarment shall take effect unless a final order overturning the debarment is entered by the hearing officer.

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365	(d) Within 10 days after service of a written notice of debarment, the person affected by
366	the notice may file a written request with the city clerk for a hearing.
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368	(e) The city clerk shall inform the hearing officer of the notice for a hearing and shall set
369	the matter for a hearing as soon as practicable. At least 10 days' notice of the hearing
370	date shall be given to the affected person and the city administrator.
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372	(f) At the hearing, each party shall have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce
373	exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, and impeach any witness. Oral evidence
374	shall be taken on oath or affirmation. All evidence shall be suitably recorded and
375	preserved. The technical rules of evidence shall not apply, but the hearing officer may
376	exclude evidence that is irrelevant or repetitious. Each party shall be entitled to
377	present oral arguments or written briefs at or after the hearing.
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379	(g) Within 10 working days after the hearing is concluded, the hearing officer shall make
380	written findings of fact and conclusions of law and issue a final order. Findings of fact
381	shall be based upon competent evidence. The final order shall be delivered or mailed
382	to the city administrator and the affected person.
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384	(h) An appeal from the hearing officer's order shall be to the circuit court pursuant to
385	chapter 536, RSMo.
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387	(i) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the city administrator to accept a bid
388	or proposal which in the judgment of the city administrator is the lowest and best, or
389	to reject any and all bids or proposals or to reject a bid or proposal on grounds which
390	could have been used to debar the person, firm, or business.
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392	(j) The city administrator is authorized to appoint a hearing officer for the purposes of this
393	section.
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395	Sec. 2-173. – Public improvement contracting process.
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397	(a) The city administrator is authorized to contract for the construction or improvement of
398	public improvements in accordance with the procedures established in this section.
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400	(b) The authority granted to the city administrator herein shall only apply to those public
401	improvements included in the city's most recently adopted Capital Improvement
402	Program and for which appropriated funds for such public improvement have been
403	provided by city council.
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405	(c) The city administrator is authorized to contract for the construction or improvement of
406	public improvements utilizing a competitive procurement process authorized in this
407	Division. The provisions of sections 2-165 and 2-166 shall apply to the authority
408	delegated by this section.
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410	(d) The city administrator is authorized to accept the public improvement on behalf of the
411	city when the improvement has been completed and is in substantial conformance
412	with the plans and specifications for the improvement.
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414	Division 2 – General contract provisions.
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416	Sec. 2-180. – General contracting authority of the city administrator.
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418	In addition to any other authority that may be granted to the city administrator by the city
419	council or by specific ordinance, including Division 1 of this Article, the city administrator
420	is authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the city in an amount not exceeding
421	\$5,000, provided that such contract is within the scope of an appropriation in the currently
422	adopted city budget, if applicable. Any contract entered into under the authority of this
423	section shall not have a term in excess of five years.
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425	Sec. 2-181. – Authority to apply for certain grants by the city administrator.
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427	(a) The city administrator is authorized to apply for and accept grant funding on behalf of
428	the city provided that no matching funding or other expenditure is required of the city
429	<u>in an amount greater than \$10,000.00 as part of the grant award.</u>
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431	(b) The city administrator is authorized to apply for and accept grant funding on behalf of
432	the city provided that no matching funding or other expenditure is required of the city
433	and the notice of application and deadline for submission of said grant application is
434	<u>no longer than 30 days apart.</u>
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436	Sec. 2-182. – City attorney shall approve all contracts as to form.
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438	The city attorney, before the execution of any contract by the appropriate city official, shall
439	approve the contract as to form. No contract shall be valid and binding on the city unless
440	the city attorney's approval as to form has been obtained. The city attorney is authorized
441	to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement the provisions of this
442	section.
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444	<u>Sec. 2-183. – Finance director certification.</u>
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446	No contract or order purporting to impose any financial obligation on the city shall be
447	executed, nor shall the same be binding and valid upon the city, unless the director of
448	finance shall first certify in writing that such contract or order is within the purpose of the
449	appropriation to which it is to be charged and that there is an unencumbered balance to
450	the credit of such appropriation sufficient to pay therefor. The director of finance is
451	authorized to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement the provisions
452	of this section. Such rules, regulations, and procedures may include the establishment of
453	certain classes or categories of purchases which may be made by designated city
454	personnel and officials without obtaining the certification required by this section prior to
455	the purchase. However, city personnel and officials shall be personally liable and subject

456 to disciplinary action as set forth in the city's Personnel Code for any purchases made 457 which are not within the scope of the appropriation to which it is to be charged or where there is no unencumbered balance to the credit of such appropriation sufficient to pay 458 459 therefor. 460 461 SECTION 3: The City Attorney, when codifying this Ordinance, is authorized to provide for different section numbers, subsection numbers, and different internal citation 462 references than those provided herein when such section numbers, subsection numbers, 463 or internal citation references are in error or are contrary to the intent of this Ordinance. 464 465 466 **SECTION 4:** Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired, or liability 467 incurred nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or 468 ordinance repealed or modified hereby. 469 470 SECTION 5: Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or 471 472 phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that 473 it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or 474 phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, 475 sentences, clause, or phrases be declared invalid. 476 477 478 **SECTION 6:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days from and after 479 its final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the 480 provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter. 481 482 ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS DAY OF , 2023. 483 484 485 ATTEST: 486 487 PRESIDING OFFICER CITY CLERK 488 489 490 APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023. 491 492 493 ATTEST: 494 495 CITY CLERK 496 MAYOR 497 APPROVED AS TO FORM: 498 499 500 CITY ATTORNEY 501

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-27

A MOTION:

To amend by substitution Council Bill No. 2023-27 by substituting said Council Bill with Substitute Council Bill No. 2023-27, which said Substitute Bill is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, was provided to the City Council for review prior to the July 10, 2023 Council meeting, and was published as part of the agenda for the July 10, 2023 City Council meeting.

Said Motion was adopted by the required majority of City Council on the 10th day of July 2023 and said Council Bill was therefore amended and modified as set forth herein.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK