

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE

WHEREAS, the staff of the City of Aiken has recently performed a review of the procurement code and recommends that certain amendments to the Aiken City Code be adopted by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Aiken has reviewed these amendments and finds them to be appropriate revisions to the Aiken City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Aiken has concluded that the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Aiken City Code is essential to the general health, safety, welfare and economic stability of the City and is in the best interest of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AIKEN HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1: Chapter 2 of the Aiken City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-348. Professional services/selection.

Professional services are those services rendered by licensed professionals including consulting engineers, planning consultants, architects, auditing firms, banking institutions, and law firms. Professional services shall be obtained through the process of requesting interested firms to submit their qualifications; reviewing the qualifications submitted and determining which firms are qualified; requesting the qualified firms to submit proposals; selecting the qualified firm with the best proposal; and negotiating the necessary contract. Except for agreements for less than ~~ten~~ **twenty five** thousand dollars (~~\$10,000.00~~ **\$25,000**) and that are provided for in the annual operating budget of a department, agreements for professional services shall state the terms and conditions and shall be approved by city council.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Council of the City of Aiken.

Section 3: In the event that any provision of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction on its face or as applied, such holding shall not affect the validity or effectiveness or any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance or of said provision as applied to any other

person or circumstance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the City that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective provisions not been included herein.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Aiken at its regular meeting held this 9th day of May, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voting.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: April 25, 2016

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: May 9, 2016

MAYOR

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY CLERK