

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE TO
AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VIII,
DIVISION 3, § 2-866 OF THE
KNOXVILLE CITY CODE,
REGULATING MAXIMUM
PURCHASING AUTHORITY
WITHOUT COMPETITIVE
BIDDING.

ORDINANCE NO: O-87-2022

REQUESTED BY: Finance Department
PREPARED BY: Law Department

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WHEREAS, the City of Knoxville provides for public advertisement and competitive bidding for purchasing pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 6-56-306; and;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee has amended TENN. CODE ANN. § 6-56-306 to increasing a municipality's maximum purchasing authority without public advertisement and competitive bidding for small purchases, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville likewise desires to increase the threshold of maximum purchasing authority by the new standards adopted by the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:


SECTION 1: Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 3, § 2-866 of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting, in its place, the following language as a new § 2-866:

Section 2-866. Small purchases.

(a) Any contract not expected, at the time proposals are solicited, to exceed fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000), may be entered into according to a simplified small purchase procedure set forth in regulations promulgated under this article. Such regulations shall include appropriate requirements for obtaining competition.

(b) All purchases, leases, or lease-purchase arrangements with expenditures of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) but more than twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) in any fiscal year may be made in the open market without public advertisement, but shall, whenever possible, be based upon at least three (3) competitive bids. Purchases, leases, or lease-purchases of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) or less in any fiscal year shall not require any public advertisement or competitive bidding.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the city requiring it.


Recorder
Presiding Officer of the Council