

SECTION 1. Article X, section 1001 of the Charter of the City of Pasadena is amended to read:

Section 1001. - CONTRACTS.

All contracts shall be in writing, and shall be executed in the name of the City of Pasadena by an officer or officers authorized to sign the same. All contracts shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney before the execution thereof.

All contracts shall be approved by the City Council except contracts under \$75,000 or such lower limit as may be a limit established by ordinance.

SECTION 2. Article X, section 1002 of the Charter of the City of Pasadena is amended to read:

Section 1002. - CONTRACTS REQUIRING COMPETITIVE BIDS.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, no contract for supplies, material, labor, or other valuable consideration, to be furnished to the City shall be authorized by the City Council except with the lowest and best bidder after competitive bidding. The City Council may reject any and all bids.

Competitive bidding shall not be required under this Charter for:

- (A) Labor or services rendered by any City officer or employee.
- (B) Labor, material, supplies or services furnished by one City department to another City department.
- (C) Contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services available from only one vendor.
- (D) Contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services in an amount less than a limit established pursuant to section 1001 under \$75,000 or less.
- (E) Contracts relating to the acquisition of real property.
- (F) Contracts for professional or unique services.
- (G) Contracts for labor, material, or supplies for actual emergency work.

Section 3. A new Article X, section 1014 of the Charter of the City of Pasadena is added to read:

Section 1014. - AUTHORITY TO COMMENCE AND SETTLE ACTIONS.

The City Council shall prescribe by ordinance, exclusive of court costs, the monetary limits for an employee or employees to: (i) commence any action on behalf of the City, or (ii) settle any claim or action against the City, or any officer, employee, board or department thereof in his or her or its official capacity. No claim or action for more than the amount set forth in the ordinance shall be commenced or settled without the prior approval of the City Council.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section or subsection of this measure or any sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this measure is held to be unconstitutional, unlawful, or otherwise invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the measure shall remain in effect and shall be enforced. If the application of this measure to any person or group of persons is held to be unconstitutional, unlawful, or otherwise invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the measure shall continue to be enforced against all other persons or groups of persons.