

City of Glenarden, Maryland
2021 Legislation

Charter Resolution Number: CR-XX-2021
Sponsor: Carolyn Smallwood, Councilwoman
Co-Sponsor:
Public Hearing: XXXX XX, 2021
Session: Regular Session
Date of Introduction: XXXX XX, 2021

Charter Resolution

A CHARTER RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII "FINANCE" SECTION 818 "CONTRACT PROCEDURE"

WHEREAS, the City of Glenarden is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, operating under Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and §4-301 et seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 818 of the Charter requires that any purchase over \$2,000.00 must be purchased by formal written contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 818 of the City Charter requires items over \$2,000.00 to be put out for bid and be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, this restriction has interfered with providing goods and services to the citizens of Glenarden in the most expediate manner; and

WHEREAS, the rate of inflation has increased dramatically over the years; and

WHEREAS, the cost of goods and services has increased.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that Section 818, Contract Procedure, of the Charter of the City of Glenarden be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 818 Contract procedure.

- A. All supplies material, equipment, construction of public improvements and contractual services, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed [~~\$2,000~~] **\$6,000.00**, shall be purchased by formal written contract from the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid as

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1 determined by the Mayor or Council as provided in this Charter, after due notice
2 inviting bids.

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4 **B. ANY PURCHASE MORE THAN \$2,000.00 BUT LESS THEN \$6,000.00**
5 **REQUIRES THAT NOTICE BE GIVEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL THREE**
6 **(3) DAYS PRIOR TO PURCHASE.** ~~In lieu of the contract bid process required~~
7 ~~by this section, and in place of section 821 (a), (b) and (c) of this charter, whenever~~
8 ~~a federal, state, county or local government, or any agency thereof, whose~~
9 ~~purchasing polices are comparable to those of the City of Glenarden, has conducted~~
10 ~~a bid and awarded a contract, the City may purchase by contract the bid item at the~~
11 ~~bid price from the successful bidder, subject to the approval of the Mayor and~~
12 ~~Council. Prior to the City's purchase of an item, service material from a successful~~
13 ~~bidder of another jurisdiction, the City Manager shall obtain a copy of the~~
14 ~~jurisdiction's purchasing policies.~~

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16 **C. IN LIEU OF THE CONTRACT BID PROCESS REQUIRED BY THIS**
17 **SECTION, AND IN PLACE OF SECTION 821 (a), (b) AND (c) OF THIS**
18 **CHARTER, WHENEVER A FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL**
19 **GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, WHOSE PURCHASING**
20 **POLICIES ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF THE CITY OF**
21 **GLENARDEN, HAS CONDUCTED A BID AND AWARDED A**
22 **CONTRACT, THE CITY MAY PURCHASE BY CONTRACT THE BID**
23 **ITEM AT THE BID PRICE FROM THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, SUBJECT**
24 **TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL. PRIOR TO THE**
25 **CITY'S PURCHASE OF AN ITEM, SERVICE OR MATERIAL FROM A**
26 **SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION, THE CITY**
27 **MANAGER SHALL OBTAIN A COPY OF THE JURISDICTION'S**
28 **PURCHASING POLICIES.**

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** by the City Council of
31 Glenarden, Maryland that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Glenarden, hereby
32 proposed by this enactment, adopted this ____ day of ___, 2021, shall be and become
33 effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to
34 referendum in accordance with §4-301 et seq. of the Local Government Article of the
35 Annotated Code of Maryland within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and
36 exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 8600
37 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the
38 Mayor or Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a
39 newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly
40 intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

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1 Date Approved: _____
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City Council of Glenarden

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7 M. Toni Taylor, CMC
8 Clerk to the Council

Robin Jones, Council President

Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice-President

Deborah A. Eason, Councilwoman

James A. Herring, Councilman

Carolyn Smallwood, Councilwoman

Donjuan Williams, Councilman

Celestine E. Wilson, Councilwoman

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28 Votes:

29 Yes _____

30 No _____

31 Abstain _____
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