

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 21

Resolution No. 18-20

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 26, 2020

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED
Charter Amendment – Centralized Purchasing – Competitive Bidding

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County
2 permitting the County Council to increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts
3 requiring full competitive bidding from an amount not less than \$25,000 and not greater
4 than \$50,000 to an amount not less than \$25,000 and not greater than \$100,000
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6 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*
7 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*
8 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2020:*
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10 **Article IX. Centralized Purchasing**

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12 **Sec. 911. Furthering legislation.**

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14 The County Council shall enact furthering legislation, not inconsistent with the
15 provisions of this Charter or with the public general laws of this State, to implement the
16 purchasing policies herein established. Such legislation may regulate the practices of the
17 County Purchasing Agent and other officers, agents and employees of the County in regard
18 to the issuance of inquiries, the receipt of bids, the placement of orders and other matters
19 relating to the making of purchases and the award of contracts. Such legislation may
20 prescribe special procedures governing the letting of bids and the award of contracts for
21 the construction of roads, bridges, streets, buildings and those relating to water, sewer and
22 storm water facilities, and may increase the minimum dollar requirement for full
23 competitive bidding with respect to such contracts from Three Thousand Dollars
24 (\$3,000.00) as provided in Section 904 to a figure not less than Twenty-Five Thousand
25 Dollars (\$25,000) and up to **[[Fifty]]** ONE HUNDRED Thousand Dollars **[[(\$50,000)]]**
26 (\$100,000). The award of contracts greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and less
27 than the minimum dollar requirement for full competitive bidding shall be awarded through
28 a simplified competitive process except as otherwise provided by law. The County
29 Purchasing Agent shall cause to be published on the Anne Arundel County website all
30 awards of contracts through the full and simplified bidding processes for capital
31 improvements, contractual services, professional services, or supplies of \$5,000 or greater

1 awarded by the County in accordance with the Anne Arundel County Code. All such
2 legislation shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the County Council.

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4 *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the
5 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2020 for their adoption
6 or rejection:

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8 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to permit the County Council to increase
9 the minimum value of purchases and contracts requiring full competitive bidding to an
10 amount not less than \$25,000 and not greater than \$100,000.”

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12 *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “ ___ ” on
13 the ballot at the General Election in November 2020.

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15 *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election
16 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30th
17 day following the election.

READ AND PASSED this 6th day of July, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 18-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair