

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, DIVISION 3 – COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING, DIVISION 5 – CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECT-ENGINEER AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES, DIVISION 3 – SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT/NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT, AND DIVISION 8 – COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AUTHORIZED.**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council (“County Council”) has adopted and previously amended from time to time the Charleston County Procurement Ordinance that is identified as Article VI, Procurement Ordinance, pursuant to authority provided by the laws of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to amend Division 3 – Source Selection and Contract Formation, Section 2-184(g), increasing the dollar threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to amend Division 5 - Construction, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services, Section 2-229, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services to provide for the procurement of architect, engineering, or land surveying services up to \$25,000 by direct negotiation and selection and without the requirements otherwise required by Section 2-229; and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to amend Division 3 – Sole Source Procurement/Non-Competitive Procurement, Section 2-187(a), to increase the dollar threshold for contracts to be awarded for supplies, services, or construction items, without competition, from the current “less than \$150,000” threshold to “less than \$250,000;” and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to amend Division 8 – Cooperative Purchasing Authorized, Section 2-262, to add language to further clarify the cooperative purchasing process, which allows the Contracts and Procurement Director to procure goods, services, and construction items without competition, using competitive purchasing agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by County Council of Charleston County, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED**

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION II. AMENDMENTS TO PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE**

The Charleston County Procurement Ordinance that is identified as Article VI, Procurement Ordinance, adopted December 20, 1983, and as subsequently amended, is further amended to include the text amendments of Division 3 –Source Selection and Contract Formation, Section 2-184(g) and Section 2-187(a); Division 5 - Construction, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services, Section 2-229; and Division 8 – Intergovernmental Relations,

Section 2-262, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following third reading by the County Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.  
Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST

:

Beverly T. Craven, Clerk  
Charleston County Council