

(b) It shall establish and enforce specifications with respect to such purchases.

(c) It shall inspect all deliveries of such purchases, and determine their conformance with the specifications and with the order.

(d) It shall have charge of all general storerooms and warehouses used by the City.

(e) It shall transfer surplus, obsolete or unused materials among the several City offices, departments and agencies.

(f) It shall have authority to pool its purchases with those of other governmental bodies.

(g) Due notice shall be given of the intention of the Purchasing Division to purchase or contract for supplies, materials and equipment. Every purchase in an amount in excess of five hundred dollars shall be made by competitive bidding, under such procedure and with such general exceptions as the Mayor and City Council may by ordinance provide; but the Mayor and City Council shall not exempt individual contracts or purchases from the requirement of competitive bidding.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Mayor and City Council to make purchases on behalf of the City, to incur any obligation on behalf of the City, or to pledge the credit of the City in any manner except as provided in this Article and in regulations, orders and ordinances lawfully promulgated or adopted pursuant thereto.

(i) The Mayor and City Council shall provide by ordinance that either the City Manager or the Director of Finance shall be the head of the Purchasing Division, or that it be a separate office within the Classified Service of the City.

## TAXATION

112. GENERAL POWERS. (a) The Mayor and City Council shall have power to levy and collect a tax on the assessable property in the City, for its general corporate and municipal purposes.

(b) The rate of such tax shall not exceed ninety cents on each one hundred dollars worth of assessable property, plus the rate necessary to pay the interest and principal on the bonds and other indebtedness incurred for corporate purposes, and for sinking funds to pay off such indebtedness.