

84-20. Capital improvement projects.

Whenever a capital improvement project is to be undertaken by the county, the chief administrative officer shall cause plans, specifications, and estimates of cost to be prepared and shall, subject to the direction of the County Executive, determine whether the project is to be constructed by contract or by county forces. If the project is to be constructed by contract, competitive bids shall be secured and the contract awarded in accordance with the requirements of section 84-16 of this Code.

84-21. Encumbrance of funds.

No notice of award of contract shall be issued, no contract shall be signed and no purchase order shall be issued until the director of finance or his designee certifies that the unencumbered balance in the appropriation is sufficient to defray the amount of such contract or purchase order.

84-22. Unlawful purchases.

If any agency purchases or contracts for any goods, services or capital improvement project in a manner contrary to the provisions of the Charter or this article, such purchase or contract shall be voidable.

84-23. Cooperative purchasing.

The chief administrative officer shall have the authority, subject to the direction of the County Executive, to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the county would be served thereby.

*Section 2. Severability.*

The provisions of the Act are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

*Section 3. Effective date.*

This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following its enactment.

Certified correct as passed.

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President

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Secretary