

BOWIE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND:

SECTION 1: That the Charter of said municipal corporation be, and the same is hereby amended by repealing Section 61 and enacting in lieu thereof new Section 61 to read as follows:

61. (Purchasing and Contracts.)

(a) All purchases and contracts for the city government shall be made by the City Administrator. The Council may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all city purchases and contracts.

(b) All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual services involving more than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)] THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) shall be made on written contract. The City Administrator shall be required to advertise for sealed bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. Such written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of work and goods, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the Council before becoming effective, and may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the city may require. The City Administrator shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise. The City at any time in its discretion may employ its own forces for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or readvertising for) or receiving bids.

(c) All contracts involving professional services such as accounting, architecture, auditing, engineering, law, planning, and surveying, shall not be on a bid basis, but shall be negotiated by the City Administrator and/or the Council.

SECTION 2: That the date of the adoption of this Resolution is April 23, 1973 and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Bowie, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective on June 12, 1973 unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed by June 2, 1973 as permitted by law. A complete and exact copy of the Resolution shall be posted in the City Municipal Building until June 2, 1973 and a fair summary of the Amendment shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals by