

amend Section 29-49, title "Rent control scope," of Article VI, title "Rent Controls," to redesignate subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (j) and (k) respectively and by adding a new subsection (i) to provide that the system of rent controls shall not apply to dwelling units occupied by tenants participating in the federal government's Section Eight Housing Assistance Payments Program and whose owners receive housing assistance on behalf of those eligible tenants; to amend Section 29-50, title "Definitions," of Article VI, title "Rent Controls," by adding new definitions, "Section Eight Market Rent" and "Section Eight Housing Assistance Payments Program".

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Chapter 39

AN ACT to repeal Article V, title "Contracts, purchases and sales," and Sections 20-22 through 20-44 inclusive, all of Chapter 20, title "Finance", of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, and to enact a new Chapter 11B, title "Contracts, Purchases and Dispositions", to follow immediately after Chapter 11A of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, to define words and phrases used in this Chapter; to state the purpose of this Chapter; to require contractual provisions for non-discrimination in employment by County contractors; to establish procedures dealing with capital improvement projects; to specify that the availability of unencumbered funds must be certified prior to the issuance of any contract; to provide that contracts or purchases may be voidable; to authorize the County Council to engage in certain contracts; to provide for multi-year contracts; to authorize emergency purchases; to prohibit certain contracts; to establish procedures dealing with the competitive bidding, formal bid procedures, competitive negotiation, sole source purchases and contracts, and purchase of patented or proprietary articles; to establish procedures for open market procurement; to establish procedures dealing with contracts for professional services, general review requirements, Council contractor qualification and selection committee, public announcement process, contractor selection process, and cost and pricing data; to establish a procedure for architect-engineer services; to provide procedures dealing with contract administration, to delineate the powers and duties of the Chief Administrative Officer, to establish a contract review committee, to provide for departmental responsibilities, to require reporting on non-competitive negotiations, to allow County access to contractor plant records, and to authorize the County to establish testing and inspection requirements, to