

ORDINANCE NO. 07-23

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN,
ARKANSAS, AMENDING CAMDEN CODE SECTIONS 2-46, 2-52 and 2-
53, REGARDING PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963) and Section 1 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-46 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-46 provides:

“The mayor shall have the exclusive power, and responsibility to make all purchases of supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things necessary to carry out municipal functions for the city, and to make contracts for work or labor to be done, or material or other necessary items to be furnished for the benefit and use of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature in the city where the amount of the expenditure for any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly of the state.”

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963); Section 3 of Ordinance 3-89 (1989); and Section 6 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-52 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-52 provides:

“Sec. 2-52. Purchases over one thousand dollars but less than the cost limit specified in state statutes. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) costing over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), but less than the cost limit specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly, shall be purchased only by designated personnel after first securing two (2) or more written quotations upon the authorization and approval of the mayor. A purchase requisition is required for this type of purchase.”

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963); Section 1 of Ordinance 15-85; (1985); Section 4 of Ordinance 3-89 (1989); and Section 7 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-53 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-53 provides:

“Sec. 2-53. Purchases exceeding cost limit specified in state statutes. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) exceeding the cost limit specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly, shall be purchased only after first securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen. A formal purchase order shall be issued to the successful vendor once the bid has been approved and accepted by the board of aldermen.”

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-58-303 was amended by the state general assembly raising the cost limit requiring competitive, sealed bidding for purchases and contracts from twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53 to provide procedures for purchases that cost at least twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 2-46 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576 and Section 1 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The mayor shall have the exclusive power, and responsibility to make all purchases of supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things necessary to carry out municipal functions for the city, and to make contracts for work or labor to be done, or material or other necessary items to be furnished for the benefit and use of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature in the city where the amount of the expenditure for any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).”

SECTION 2. Section 2-52 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576; Section 3 of Ordinance 3-89; and Section 6 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-52. Purchases over one thousand dollars but less than twenty thousand dollars. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) costing over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), shall be purchased only by designated personnel after first securing two (2) or more written quotations upon the authorization and approval of the mayor. A purchase requisition is required for this type of purchase.”

SECTION 3. Section 2-53 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576; Section 1 of Ordinance 15-85; Section 4 of Ordinance 3-89; and Section 7 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-53. Purchases of twenty thousand dollars or more. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) at or exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), shall be purchased only after first securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen. A formal purchase order shall be issued to the successful vendor once the bid has been approved and accepted by the board of aldermen.”

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk