

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
INCREASE IN MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD**

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Hendersonville purchases goods and services using federal funding subject to the procurement standards in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart D; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville's procurement of such goods and services is subject to the purchasing policies of the City, including but not limited to the City of Hendersonville Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville is a non-Federal entity under the definition set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(ii), a non-Federal entity may award micro-purchases without soliciting competitive price or rate quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents that the non-Federal entity files accordingly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iii), a non-Federal entity is responsible for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), a non-Federal entity may self-certify on an annual basis a micro-purchase threshold not to exceed \$50,000 and maintain documentation to be made available to a Federal awarding agency and auditors in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), such self-certification must include (1) a justification for the threshold, (2) a clear identification of the threshold, and (3) supporting documentation, which, for public institutions, may be a "higher threshold consistent with State law"; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-129(a) and G.S. 143-131(a) require the City of Hendersonville to conduct a competitive bidding process for the purchase of (1) "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment" where the cost of such purchase is equal to or greater than \$30,000, and (2) "construction or repair work" where the cost of such purchase is greater than or equal to \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina law does not require a unit of local government to competitively bid for purchase of services other than services subject to the qualifications-based selection process set forth in Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the "Mini-Brooks Act"); and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-64.32 permits units of local government to exercise, in writing, an exemption to the qualifications-based selection process for services subject to the Mini-Brooks Act for particular projects where the aggregate cost of such services do not exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), the City Council for the City of Hendersonville now desires to adopt higher micro-purchase thresholds than those identified in 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 in order to take advantage of increased efficiencies and cost savings that are available under an increased micro-purchase threshold exemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina that:

1. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, the City of Hendersonville hereby self-certifies the following micro-purchase thresholds, each of which is a “higher threshold consistent with State law” under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(C) for the reasons set forth in the recitals to this resolution:

A. \$30,000, for the purchase of “apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment”;
and

B. \$30,000, for the purchase of “construction or repair work”; and

C. \$50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law;

D. \$50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the City has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to G.S. 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be \$10,000.

E. \$50,000 for any contract, other than those described in A-D above, that is exempt from competitive procurement requirements under North Carolina State Law.

2. The self-certification made herein shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall be applicable until the end of the current fiscal year of the City of Hendersonville, but shall not be applicable to Federal financial assistance awards issued prior to November 12, 2020, including financial assistance awards issued prior to that date under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Support (CARES) Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-136).

3. In the event that the City of Hendersonville receives funding from a federal grantor agency that adopts a threshold more restrictive than those contained herein, the City shall comply with the more restrictive threshold when expending such funds.

4. The City of Hendersonville shall maintain documentation to be made available to a Federal awarding agency, any pass-through entity, and auditors in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

5. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, and Budget Manager of the City of Hendersonville are hereby authorized, individually and collectively, to revise the purchasing policies of the City, including but not limited to the City of Hendersonville Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy, to reflect the increased micro-purchase thresholds specified herein, and to take all such actions, individually and collectively, to carry into effect the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolution.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 7th day of July, 2022.

Attest:

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Angela L. Reece, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney