



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

October 30, 2017

Ordinance 18594

Proposed No. 2017-0299.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to exceptions to formal sealed  
2 bids and proposals when awarding a contract, lease or  
3 purchase of tangible personal property, technical services  
4 and services; and amending Ordinance 12138, Section 8, as  
5 amended, and K.C.C 2.93.050.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings:

8 A. In 2016, the state of Washington amended RCW 39.04.190 to increase the  
9 dollar thresholds under which local governments may dispense with the requirements of  
10 advertisement and formal sealed bidding when making certain stated purchases.

11 B. It is in the county's interest to formally adopt the increased dollar thresholds  
12 authorized by state law and codify the informal process used to award contracts, leases or  
13 purchases, as described in K.C.C. 2.93.050.

14 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12138, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.050 are  
15 hereby amended to read as follows:

16 ~~((In accordance with Titles 36 and 39 RCW and this chapter, the executive is~~  
17 ~~granted authority to award any contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property~~  
18 ~~and technical or other services, at the informal purchase threshold, without~~  
19 ~~advertisement and without formal, sealed bids or proposals. The executive shall be~~

20 ~~responsible for securing quotations or proposals from prospective contractors where~~  
21 ~~required to assure establishment of a competitive price. This section does not apply to~~  
22 ~~architectural, engineering, professional, or public works contracts.))~~ A. In accordance  
23 with RCW 36.32.235, 36.32.245, 39.04.190 and 39.04.200 and this chapter, in lieu of  
24 advertisement and requiring a formal, sealed bid or proposal, the executive may award  
25 any contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property, technical services or  
26 services, except professional services and public works, valued between ten thousand  
27 dollars and fifty thousand dollars in accordance with subsections B. through D. of this  
28 section.

29 B. In accordance with state law, the executive shall publish in a newspaper of  
30 general circulation within the county a notice of the existence of bidder and proposer  
31 lists and solicit the names of bidders and proposers for the categories of tangible  
32 personal property, technical services, services or technical services contained on the  
33 lists. When awarding a contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property or  
34 services to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, the executive shall obtain  
35 telephone or written quotations, or both, in either hard copy or electronic form, from at  
36 least three different bidders on the lists whenever possible to assure establishment of a  
37 competitive price. When awarding a contract, lease or purchase of technical services or  
38 services to a proposer where price is not the only factor, the executive shall obtain  
39 telephone or written proposals, or both, in either hard copy or electronic form, from  
40 three similarly qualified proposers on the lists whenever possible to ensure a competitive  
41 process, and strive to select the most qualified proposer, having given due regard to  
42 experience and expertise and other relevant factors. However, if there is no category for

43 the type of tangible personal property, technical service or service that the county seeks or  
44 the category has fewer than three names of bidders or proposers on the list, the  
45 executive may solicit at least three quotations or proposals, as applicable and when  
46 possible, from business entities or persons purported to be able to provide the tangible  
47 personal property, technical service or service sought.

48 C. Immediately after an award is made under subsection B. of this section, the  
49 quotations or proposals submitted shall be recorded, open to public inspection and shall  
50 be available by telephone inquiry.

51 D. At least every two months, the executive shall post on the county's website a  
52 list of contracts awarded under subsection B. of this section. The list shall contain the  
53 name of the vendor, the amount of the contract, a brief description of the items  
54 purchased or services provided, the date of the award and where the quotation or  
55 proposal for these contracts are available for public inspection.

56 E. Each year before the advertisement soliciting names for the lists as described  
57 in subsection A. of this section, the executive shall ensure that all categories of tangible  
58 personal property, technical services or service sought under this section in the prior  
59 year are included in that year's public notice.


60 F. The executive may dispense with advertising, formal, sealed bids and  
61 proposals and the process for obtaining quotations in subsection B. of this section in the  
62 award of any contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property, technical services  
63 or services, except professional services or public works, valued at less than ten  
64 thousand dollars. Instead, the executive shall establish a procedure for awarding a

65 contract, lease or purchase that strives to secure the lowest price or ensure selection of a  
66 qualified proposer, as applicable.  
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Ordinance 18594 was introduced on 7/24/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/30/2017, by the following vote:

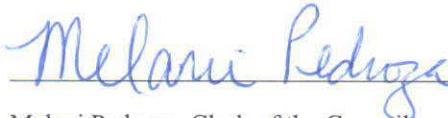
Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joseph McDermott, Chair

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 8 day of NOVEMBER 2017.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None