

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 15-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 15, 2024

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED
Charter Amendment – Small Procurements

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to:
2 permit the County Council to increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts
3 subject to a simplified competitive procurement process from greater than \$5,000 to greater
4 than \$10,000; and increase the minimum value of purchases that are required to be
5 published on the County website from \$5,000 or greater to greater than \$10,000
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7 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*
8 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*
9 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2024:*
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11 **Article IX. Centralized Purchasing**

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13 **SECTION 911. Furthering Legislation.**

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15 The County Council shall enact furthering legislation, not inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this Charter or with the public general laws of this State, to implement the
17 purchasing policies herein established. Such legislation may regulate the practices of the
18 County Purchasing Agent and other officers, agents, and employees of the County in regard
19 to the issuance of inquiries, the receipt of bids, the placement of orders and other matters
20 relating to the making of purchases and the award of contracts. Such legislation may
21 prescribe special procedures governing the letting of bids and the award of contracts for
22 the construction of roads, bridges, streets, buildings and those relating to water, sewer and
23 storm water facilities, and may increase the minimum dollar requirement for full
24 competitive bidding with respect to such contracts from Three Thousand Dollars
25 (\$3,000.00) as provided in Section 904 to a figure not less than Twenty-Five Thousand
26 Dollars (\$25,000) and up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). The award of
27 contracts greater than ~~Five~~ TEN Thousand Dollars ~~[((\$5,000)]~~ (\$10,000) and less than
28 the minimum dollar requirement for full competitive bidding shall be awarded through a
29 simplified competitive process except as otherwise provided by law. The County
30 Purchasing Agent shall cause to be published on the Anne Arundel County website all
31 awards of contracts through the full and simplified bidding processes for capital

1 improvements, contractual services, professional services, or supplies of [[~~\$5,000~~ or]]
2 greater THAN \$10,000 awarded by the County in accordance with the Anne Arundel County
3 Code. All such legislation shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the County
4 Council.

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6 *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the
7 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2024 for their adoption
8 or rejection:

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10 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to: permit the County Council to increase
11 the minimum value of purchases and contracts subject to a simplified competitive
12 procurement process from greater than \$5,000 to greater than \$10,000; and increase the
13 minimum value of purchases that are required to be published on the County website from
14 \$5,000 or greater to greater than \$10,000.”

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16 *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “ ___ ” on
17 the ballot at the General Election in November 2024.

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19 *And be it further resolved*, That, if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election
20 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the
21 30th day following the election.