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ORDINANCE NO. 20311

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Spencer Duncan, concerning professional service contracts over \$50,000, amending Topeka Municipal Code § 3.30.010 and repealing original sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 3.30.010, Authority of City Manager to sign certain contracts, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Authority of City Manager to sign certain contracts; Professional service contracts.

(a) Pursuant to Charter Ordinance No. 94, Section 22 (Appx. A, Section A2-55), the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign all contracts binding the City, unless:

(1) ~~Council~~Governing Body approval of the contract or the subject matter of the contract is required by City ordinance or resolution;

(2) ~~Council~~Governing Body approval of the contract or the subject matter is required by State or Federal law; or

(3) Other City officers or employees are specifically authorized by ordinance to approve and sign the contract.

(b) On and after October 1, 2021, any contract for professional services exceeding \$50,000 shall be approved by the Governing Body. "Professional Services" includes architects, engineers, appraisers, land surveyors, management and systems analysts, financial and accounting firms, attorneys, information technology consultants, land use planners, project management and other similar services requiring specialized knowledge or certification in a particular field.

(bc) The authority granted by this section is subject to all ordinances and laws which restrict and limit the ability of the City to enter into binding contracts. Further, this section does not authorize the avoidance of or exemption from any administrative reviews or approvals of contracts as required by City ordinances or regulations.

(ed) The provisions of this section shall not preclude the City Manager from seeking and obtaining the approval of the ~~City Council~~Governing Body prior to signing certain contracts, notwithstanding the authority granted in this section.

Section 2. That original § 3.30.010 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on August 17, 2021.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk