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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 16015 TO GRANT THE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN CERTAIN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16015 on March 15, 2005 granting authority to the City Manager to enter into and sign certain contracts in an amount not to exceed $25,000 per annum or an aggregate of $50,000 on a multi-year contract on behalf of the City;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1765, effective September 1, 2007, amends Texas Local Government Code Section 252.021requiring municipalities to comply with competitive bidding requirements for contracts that require expenditures of more than $50,000, thereby increasing the threshold from $25,000 to $50,000; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations in the City, the City wants to increase the City Manager's authority to enter contracts consistent with the state law's competitive bidding requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Section 3(f) of Ordinance No. 16015 granting authority to the City Manager to negotiate and enter into certain contracts specified below on behalf of City shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

   f. Agreements, purchase orders and other similar documents as determined to be necessary in connection with the making or awarding of contracts for the acquisition of goods and services, including but not limited to the Council's discretionary funds expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $50,000 per annum or an aggregate of $100,000 on a multi-year contract and in accordance with City Council approved purchasing policies as applicable; all agreements and similar documents in connection with revenue-generating contracts or contracts relating to the provision of goods and services by persons or organizations to the City at no cost to the City, such as park partner agreements, traffic signal agreements and median landscaping agreements; and memoranda establishing cooperative working relationships with other public safety agencies, excluding agreements made pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Such authority shall supercede and be controlling over any conflicting provision or procedure contained in any resolution or other ordinance previously adopted by the City Council that required the contract to be presented to the Mayor and/or City Council for approval, except as may be set forth in any purchasing policy that has been approved by the Council.

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2. Except as expressly herein amended, Ordinance No. 16015 shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 2007.

CITY OF EL PASO

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