

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3968**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL AND  
LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD OPTING OUT OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES AND  
AMENDING PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City of Newport (City) that a sound and responsive public contracting system should allow impartial, meaningful, and open competition, preserving formal competitive selection as the standard for public contracts unless otherwise specifically exempted herein, by state law, or by subsequent ordinance or resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the City opted out of the Public Contracting Model Rules adopted by the Attorney General under ORS subchapters 279A, 279B, and 279C, as set forth in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 137, Divisions 46, 47, 48 and 49 (the "Model Rules") and adopted its own rules; and

**WHEREAS**, that 2012 Resolution (Res. No. 3609) confirmed City's governing body would continue as its local contract review board; and

**WHEREAS**, since then state law has changed in ways requiring further updates to accommodate changes in Oregon's public contracting code; and

**WHEREAS**, City recognizes it may exempt certain public improvement contracts or classes of such contracts under ORS 279C.335; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council additionally requests that the City's Local Contract Review Board approve the amendments to various classes of special procurements set forth in the attached rules, based upon the findings set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.

**THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council (Council) shall continue as the Local Contract Review Board of the City and shall have all of the rights, powers and authority necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapters 279A, 279B, and 279C (the "Public Contracting Code") and attached Rules. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, the definitions established in the attached Rules apply herein. The term "Contracting Agency" as used in the attached Rules includes Contracting Agency's chief administrative officer, their designee, or any other purchasing agent, as designated by City policy. Those individuals are hereby designated as City's Contracting Agency and may exercise all authorities, powers and duties granted to a Contracting Agency under the Public Contracting Code and attached Rules, unless otherwise established by City policy.

2. The above recitals and Exhibit A are hereby adopted by the Council, sitting as the Local Contract Review Board, as findings of fact supporting approval of the Council's request for amendments to classes of special procurement and public improvement contract exemptions.

3. The Model Rules adopted by the Attorney General pursuant to ORS 279A.065, including any implementing Oregon public contracting amendments from the 2021 legislative session, do not and will not apply to City. Instead, the City hereby prescribes the following Rules, which include portions of the Attorney General's Model Rules, as the Rules of Procedure that the City will use for its public contracting: Public Contracting Rules Chapter 137, Divisions 46, 47, 48 and 49. While the numbering of these Rules reflects the numbering system of the Attorney General's Model Rules, they incorporate City changes to the Model Rules, and, therefore, are not the Attorney General's promulgated administrative rules. City exemptions are also set forth in these Rules, as numbered Exemptions 1 through 18 (E-1 through E-18). All above-referenced Rules are attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B, and incorporated herein by this reference.

4. In accordance with ORS 279A.065(6)(b), the City shall review its Public Contracting Rules, adopted herein, each time the Attorney General modifies its Model Rules to implement Oregon Public Contracting Code amendments adopted after the 2021 legislative session in order to determine whether amendments are required to ensure statutory compliance.

5. Amendments to these Rules and new rules shall be adopted in accordance with this Resolution and the Public Contracting Code. Special procurement requests and approvals shall be made in accordance with Division 47 of the attached Rules and ORS 279B.085. Public improvement contract exemption procedures, including notice and public hearing requirements, shall be made in accordance with Division 49 of the attached Rules and ORS 279C.335.

6. The Model Cost Accounting Guidelines developed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services pursuant to Section 3, Chapter 869, Oregon Laws 1979 are hereby adopted as the City's Cost Accounting System to apply to public improvement projects exceeding \$5,000 and constructed with City's own equipment or personnel. ORS 279C.310. For such public improvement projects estimated to cost more than \$200,000, or for certain road maintenance projects exceeding \$125,000, City shall also comply with the requirements of ORS 279C.305.

7. All previously adopted resolutions, including Resolution No. 3609, establishing public contracting rules for City are hereby repealed.

8. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor, as Chair  
for the Local Contract Review Board

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Erik Glover, City Recorder

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Erik Glover, City Recorder, as Secretary  
for the Local Contract Review Board

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