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ORDINANCE NO. 8,038-N.S.

EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS; AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 7.18

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.18 is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 7.18

EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS

Sections:

7.18.010 Expenditures pursuant to Charter Article XI, Sections 67 and 67.5.
7.18.020 Expenditures pursuant to Charter Article XI, Section 67.4--Emergencies.

7.18.010 Expenditures pursuant to Charter Article XI, Sections 67 and 67.5.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this Title, expenditures pursuant to Article XI, Sections 67 and 67.5 of the Charter of the City of Berkeley, for which the initial amount exceeds the amount of $100,000, inclusive of professional services, other services, supplies, equipment, or materials (excluding leases and real estate agreements),shall require Council approval and shall be procured through competitive solicitation except in the case of emergencies pursuant to Article XI, Section 67.4. The requirement specified in Article XI, Section 67 of the Charter to select the “lowest responsible bidder” only for supplies, equipment, or materials contracts remains. Professional services and other services contracts shall be based on demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed, at fair and reasonable prices to the City. This requirement for professional and other services contracts to be selected via competitive procurement applies to all Charter Officers. Pursuant to Article XVI Section 113, the City Attorney retains the authority to enter into contracts without Council approval after competitive procurement of professional services, other services, supplies, equipment or materials (excluding leases and real estate agreements). The City Attorney is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement this section with respect to City Attorney’s Office contracts. All departments, excluding the City Attorney’s Office, shall follow the City of Berkeley Purchasing Manual guidelines, Section 3, for extensions of contracts and re-bid all contracts under the timeframes specified. The City Attorney’s Office shall follow regulations specific to City Attorney’s Office contracts.

B. Expenditures for specific improvements (public projects), including play area improvements and equipment in public parks which exceed the amount of $200,000 shall require Council approval pursuant to Article XI, Section 67 of the Charter of the City of Berkeley.

C. Expenditures for Community Development Block Grant funded Community Facility Improvement Projects which exceed the amount of $200,000 shall require Council approval pursuant to Article XI, Section 67 of the Charter of the City of Berkeley.

D. Expenditures for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials which exceed the amount of $100,000 shall require Council approval.

E. Expenditures for the acquisition and renovation of small multifamily rental properties through the Small Sites Program shall not require Council approval, but shall be approved by the City Manager. Expenditures will comply with the Small Sites Program guidelines, adopted by Resolution.

7.18.020 Expenditures pursuant to Charter Article XI, Section 67.4--Emergencies.

A. Expenditures pursuant to Article XI, Section 67.4 of the Charter of the City which exceed the amount of $100,000 shall require Council approval; and expenditures for public construction projects and playground improvements and equipment which exceed the amount of $200,000 shall require Council approval.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, in the event of a declared emergency under Chapter 2.88, the expenditure limitation under Article XI, Section 67.4 of the Charter of the City shall be an amount not exceeding the amount appropriated by the Council in the most recent appropriation ordinance for the fund from which an expenditure is made and for the purpose authorized for such fund.

C. Whenever purchases are made pursuant to this section, the City Manager shall promptly inform the Council as to the nature and amount.

Section 2. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on October 27, 2026, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O'Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.