



Agenda Item: Original Ordinance, Second Reading

Title: Original Ordinance No. 2057, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.56 Related to Purchasing

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve the Second Reading of Original Ordinance No.2057, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.56 Related to Purchasing.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Ensure compliance & consistency with all State and Federal rules, regulations, and requirements.

Background:

During the 2023 Legislative Session, SF0164 was approved and amended W.S. 15-1-113 related to Contracts for public improvements. Current law provides various requirements for municipalities to follow when entering contracts for public improvements or purchasing certain equipment, including automobiles.

This act amends those requirements, including:

- Increasing the bid threshold at which public improvement contracts must be advertised for bid from thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).
- Eliminating the requirement for a bidder to furnish a bond or other bid guarantee for a contract for the purchase or lease of a new automobile or truck if the purchase or lease price is less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
- Clarifying that a contract for the purchase or lease of a new automobile or truck where the purchase or lease price exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) cannot be assigned or transferred unless the municipal governing body consents.
- Authorizing a municipality to proceed to acquire a vehicle or equipment with a purchase price above one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and below two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) if the municipality is unsuccessful in acquiring the vehicle or equipment through the required bid process.
- The act applies to all solicitations for contracts, purchases and leases initiated on and after April 1, 2023.

LMC 2.56 currently reflects the \$35,000.00 threshold and thus requires amending to align with the Legislature’s amendments that take place on April 1st, 2023.

Legal/Statutory Authority: LMC 2.56, W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xli), W.S.

Responsible Staff:

Janine Jordan, City Manager
 Malea Brown, COO
 Brooks Webb, PW Director

Attachments:

Proposed Changes to LMC 2.56
 SF0164 Engrossed
 SF0164 Summary

Future dates are subject to change.

Public Hearing (PH) Held	April 18, 2023
PH Advertised	April 8, 2023
Introduction/1 st Reading	April 4, 2023
2 nd Reading	April 18, 2023
3 rd Reading	May 2, 2023