

ORDINANCE NO. 16-48
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Enacting new Section 141.27 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Shaker Heights to authorize a competitive procedure and contracting with natural gas and electricity supply providers for City facilities.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Shaker Heights, and Section 141.03 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances, provide that Council may authorize, by ordinance, expenditures of the funds of the City without public bidding in dollar amounts exceeding the limit set by Council in specific cases, such as for the product or services of public utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City may seek natural gas and electricity supply from competitive public utility providers for City-owned buildings and other City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the markets for natural gas and electricity supply are open markets that have constantly fluctuating prices; and

WHEREAS, in order to purchase natural gas and electricity supply at the most competitive rates that are favorable to the City, the City must act quickly and, therefore, an alternative competitive and contracting procedure for soliciting and securing competitive rates for natural gas and electricity is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, State of Ohio:

Section 1. New Section 141.27 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances is hereby enacted, as follows:

141.27 CONTRACTS FOR UTILITY SERVICES.

(a) The Mayor is hereby authorized to conduct competitive proposal processes for the securing of proposals from public utilities, electric distribution utilities, competitive retail electric suppliers, competitive retail natural gas suppliers, electric or gas marketers, or government aggregators, that are authorized under Ohio law to contract for retail electric or natural gas service, for the provision of such services to City facilities.

(b) The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with electric and gas utility suppliers that submit the lowest and best proposals for the provision of electric or natural gas supply for City facilities, including contracts in amounts greater than \$25,000.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Enacted April 25, 2016.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2016.

EARL M. LEIKEN, Mayor

Attest:

JERI E. CHAIKIN
Clerk of Council

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