

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY OF SAN MATEO ORDINANCE CODE,**  
**TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.55**  
**“PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTING FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS”**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,  
**ORDAINS** as follows

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2.55 entitled ‘Procedures For Contracting For Public Projects,’  
Title 2 (Administration) of the County of San Mateo Ordinance Code is hereby amended  
to read as follows:

**SECTION 2.** In Section 2.55.030 – Competitive bidding on construction or repair  
contracts – when required, replace paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) as stated herein.

- (a) Public projects exceeding one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) shall, except as otherwise provided in this article, be let to contract by formal bidding procedures set forth in the California Public Contract Code.
- (b) Public projects of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) or less shall be let to contract by formal bidding procedures or informal bidding procedures as set forth in this Chapter.
- (c) Public projects of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) or less may be let to contract by formal or informal bidding, performed by negotiated contract, purchase order, or by County employees by force account.

In Section 2.55.040 – Informal bidding ordinance, replace paragraph (c) as stated herein.

- (c) Award of Contracts. The County Purchasing Agent and the Director of Public Works are each authorized to award and execute informal contracts pursuant to this section. If all bids received are in excess of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00), the Board of Supervisors may, by the adoption of a resolution by a four-fifths vote, award the contract, at one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$187,500) or less, to the lowest responsible bidder, if it determines the cost estimate was reasonable.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the passage date thereof.

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