

ORDINANCE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO: _____

CITY OF MONROE

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr./Ms. _____ who moved for its adoption and was seconded by Mr./Ms. _____.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MONROE'S PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS: The city of Monroe purchasing policy does not address the selection for Professional Services; and,

WHEREAS: The City of Monroe hires and pays firms without a contract and without knowledge and without approval by City Council; and,

WHEREAS: The City Council wants to comply with the "Best Practices" recommendations of the Louisiana State Legislative Auditor regarding contracting; and,

WHEREAS: It is the policy of the state of Louisiana that all records, as defined in R.S. 44.1(A)(2)(a), involved or dealing with the selection of design professional services shall be open to the public in accord with the intent of Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 3, and R.S. 44:31.

Therefore be it Ordained that the City Purchasing Policy be amended to add certain parameters regarding professional services and not change any other part of the city purchasing policy as follows:

Recurring payments made to any party or subsidiary or company with common ownership in the amounts totaling \$15,000.00 or more in a year (twelve month) period must be contracted and that contract approved by City Council by majority vote at a regular meeting.

Further, businesses contracting with the city must disclose political contributions or any other contribution of monetary value made to any elected official of the city or any business relationship with that individual or related party within the current term of the elected official.

Failure to disclose any of the above information relative to political contributions or related party transactions may result in cancellation of the contract and possible suspension of eligibility to do business with the city of Monroe for a period of one year.

This change will not apply to any other part of the city purchasing policy and will apply totally to Professional Services contracts that are not addressed in the City purchasing policy.

This Ordinance as INTRODUCED on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

This Ordinance having been submitted in writing, introduced and published was then submitted to a vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the Ordinance was declared ADOPTED on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK

MAYOR'S APPROVAL

MAYOR'S VETO