

## CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# Section 94

### 1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

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Each bidder shall furnish with his bid such security or deposit insuring the execution of the contract by him as shall be specified by the Council or as provided by general law.

The Council shall require each contractor under this Section to insure the faithful performance of his contract by delivering to the City a surety bond in an amount specified by the Council, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of California, and in addition thereto, the retention of sufficient payments under the contract to insure the protection of the City against labor or material liens.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Manager, or the Head of the Department not under the jurisdiction of the Manager, may reject any and all bids and re-advertise for bids. The Council may provide that no contract shall be awarded to any person, firm or corporation, if prison or alien labor is to be employed in performing such

contract, or if the wage schedule for employees engaged in performing such contract are based on more than eight hours of labor per day. Any contract may be let for a gross price or on a unit basis and may provide for liquidated damages to the City for every day the contract is uncompleted beyond a specified date. It shall be competent in awarding any contract to compare bids on the basis of time completion, provided, that when any award has been made in consideration, in whole or in part, of the relative time estimates of bidders for the completion of the work, the performance in accordance with such time limits shall be secured by a surety bond as hereinabove provided with adequate sureties and penalties and provided further, that for any contract awarded solely or partially on a specified time for completion the Council shall not extend such time limits unless such extension be recommended by the Manager and the Head of the Department concerned.

No officer, whether elected or appointed, of The City of San Diego shall be or become directly or indirectly interested in, or in the performance of, any contract with or for The City of San Diego, or in the purchase or lease of any property, real or personal, belonging to or taken by said City or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments or by virtue of legal process or suit of said City. Any person wilfully violating this Section of the Charter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall immediately forfeit his office and be thereafter forever barred and disqualified from holding any elective or appointive office in the service of the City.

All contracts entered into in violation of this Section shall be void and shall not be enforceable against said City; provided, however, that officers of a municipality may own stock in public utility service corporations and the City permitted to contract for public utility service when the rates for such service are fixed by law or by virtue of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, and in such cases such contracts shall be valid and enforceable obligations against the municipality, and the officer interested as a stockholder in such public utility corporation shall not be deemed to have an interest in such City contract within the meaning of this Section of the Charter.

## **2. Amendment voted 03-13-1945; effective 04-09-1945**

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performance of any such construction and reconstruction or repair work by the appropriate City forces when the estimates submitted as part of the Manager's recommendations indicate that the work can be done by the City force more economically than if let by contract; provided, further, that upon the recommendation of the Manager, the Council by resolution may order the purchase, without advertising for bids, of surplus commodities from the United States of America, or any agency thereof, or from any other public corporation, state or municipal, or agency thereof.

In case of a great public calamity, such as extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic or other disaster the Council may, by resolution passed by a vote of five of its members, determine and declare that the public interest or necessity demands the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property, and thereupon they may proceed, without advertising for bids or receiving the same, to expend, or enter into a contract involving the expenditure of any sum required in such emergency, on hand in the City treasury and available for such purpose. All contracts before execution shall be approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

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time limits unless such extension be recommended by the Manager and the Head of the Department concerned.

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All contracts entered into in violation of this Section shall be void and shall not be enforceable against said City; provided, however, that officers of a municipality may own stock in public utility service corporations and the City permitted to contract for public utility service when the rates for such service are fixed by law or by virtue of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, and in such cases such contracts shall be valid and enforceable obligations against the municipality, and the officer interested as a stockholder in such public utility corporation shall not be deemed to have an interest in such City contract within the meaning of this section of the Charter.

### **3. Amendment voted 03-11-1947; effective 03-24-1947**

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division with which said officer is directly connected in the performance of his duties and in which he or the office, board, department, bureau or division he represents exercises legislative, administrative or quasi-judicial authority in the letting of or performance under said contract, purchase, lease or sale.

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#### **4. Amendment voted 03-10-1953; effective 04-20-1953**

Section 94. In the construction, reconstruction or repair of public buildings, street, utilities and other public works, and in furnishing supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services for the same, when the expenditure therefor shall exceed the sum of \$2,500.00, the same shall be done by written contract, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, and the Council, on the recommendation of the Manager or the head of the Department in charge if not under the Manager's jurisdiction, shall let the same to the lowest responsible and reliable bidder, not less than ten days after advertising for one day in the official newspaper of the City for sealed proposals for the work contemplated. If the cost of said public contract work exceeds the sum of \$1,000.00, but it not in excess of \$2500.00, the Council may let said contract without advertising for bids, but not until the Purchasing Agent of the City shall have secured competitive prices from contractors interested, which shall be taken under consideration by said Council before said contract is let. The Council may, however, upon the recommendation of the Manager and by a vote of five of its members, order the performance of any such construction and reconstruction or repair work by appropriate city forces when the estimates submitted as part of the Manager's recommendation indicate that the work can be done by the city forces more economically than if let by contract.

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bureau or division with which said officer is directly connected in the performance of his duties and in which he or the office, board, department, bureau or division he represents exercises legislative, administrative or quasi-judicial authority in the letting of or performance under said contract, purchase, lease or sale.

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**5. Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964**

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duties and in which he or the office, board, department, bureau or division he represents exercises legislative, administrative or quasi-judicial authority in the letting of or performance under said contract, purchase, lease or sale.

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**6. Amendment voted 11-04-1975; effective 12-01-1975**

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For contracts exceeding \$25,000.00, the Council shall require each contractor to insure the faithful performance of his contract by delivering to the City a surety bond in an amount specified by the Council, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of California; provided, however, that in all contracts the Council shall require the retention of sufficient payments under the contract to insure the protection of the City against labor or material liens.

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### **7. Amendment voted 11-02-1976; effective 01-12-1977**

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All contracts entered into in violation of this section shall be void and shall not be enforceable against said City; provided, however, that officers of this municipality may own stock in public utility service corporations and the City permitted to contract for public utility service when the rates for such service are fixed by law or by virtue of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California; and provided further, that no officer shall be prohibited from purchasing the services of any utility whether publicly or privately owned, whether or not the rates are fixed by law or by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California; and provided further, that in designating any bank as a depository for the funds of said City, any officer interested as stockholder or otherwise in such bank shall not be deemed to have an interest in such City contract within the meaning of this section, and in each of the cases enumerated herein such contracts shall be valid and enforceable obligations against the municipality.

**8. Amendment voted 09-20-1977; effective 11-04-1977**

Section 94. CONTRACTS.

In the construction, reconstruction or repair of public buildings, streets, utilities and other public works, when the expenditure therefor shall exceed the sum established by ordinance of the City Council, the same shall be done by written contract, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, and the Council, on the recommendation of the Manager or the head of the Department in charge if not under the Manager's jurisdiction, shall let the same to the lowest responsible and reliable bidder, not less than ten days after advertising for one day in the official newspaper of the City for sealed proposals for the work contemplated. If the cost of said public contract work is of a lesser amount than the figure established by ordinance of the City Council, the Manager may let said contract without advertising for bids, but not until the Purchasing Agent of the City shall have secured competitive prices from contractors interested, which shall be taken under consideration before said contract is let. The Council may, however, establish by ordinance an amount below which the Manager may order the performance of any construction, reconstruction or repair work by appropriate City forces without approval by Council. When such Council approval is required, the Manager's recommendation shall indicate justification for the use of City forces and shall indicate whether the work can be done by City forces more economically than if let by contract.

In case of a great public calamity, such as extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic or other disaster the Council may, by resolution passed by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Council, determine and declare that the public interest or necessity demands the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property, and thereupon they may proceed, without advertising for bids or receiving the same, to expend, or enter into a contract involving the expenditure of any sum required in such emergency, on hand in the City treasury and available for such

purpose. All contracts before execution shall be approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

Each bidder shall furnish with his bid such security or deposit insuring the execution of the contract by him as shall be specified by the Council or as provided by general law.

For contracts exceeding \$25,000.00, the Council shall require each contractor to insure the faithful performance of his contract by delivering to the City a surety bond in an amount specified by the Council, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of California; provided, however, that in all contracts the Council shall require the retention of sufficient payments under the contract to insure the protection of the City against labor or material liens.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Manager, or the Head of the Department not under the jurisdiction of the Manager, may reject any and all bids and readvertise for bids. The Council may provide that no contract shall be awarded to any person, firm or corporation if prison or alien labor is to be employed in performing such contract, or if the wage schedule for employees engaged in performing such contract is based on more than eight hours of labor per day. Any contract may be let for a gross price or on a unit basis and may provide for liquidated damages to the City for every day the contract is uncompleted beyond a specified date. It shall be competent in awarding any contract to compare bids on the basis of time completion, provided that when any award has been made in consideration, in whole or in part, of the relative time estimates of bidders for the completion of the work, the performance in accordance with such time limits shall be secured by a surety bond as hereinabove provided with adequate sureties and penalties, and provided further, that for any contract awarded solely or partially on a specified time for completion the Council shall not extend such time limits unless such extension be recommended by the Manager and the Head of the Department concerned.

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All contracts entered into in violation of this section shall be void and shall not be enforceable against said City; provided, however, that officers of this municipality may own stock in public utility service corporations and the City permitted to contract for public utility service when the rates for such service are fixed by law or by virtue of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California; and provided further , that no officer shall be prohibited from purchasing the services of any utility whether publicly or privately owned, whether or not the rates are fixed by law or by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California; and provided further, that in designating any bank as a depository for the funds of said City, any officer interested as a stockholder or otherwise in such bank shall not be deemed to have an interest in such City contract within the meaning of this section, and in each of the cases enumerated herein such contracts shall be valid and enforceable obligations against the municipality.

**9. Amendment voted 11-03-1998; effective 12-04-1998**

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Each bidder shall furnish with his bid such security or deposit insuring the execution of the contract by him as shall be specified by the Council or as provided by general law.

For contracts exceeding \$100,000.00, the Council shall require each contractor to insure the faithful performance of his contract by delivering to the City a surety bond in an amount specified by the Council, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of California; provided, however, that in all contracts the Council shall require the retention of sufficient payments, under the contract to insure the protection of the City against labor or material liens.

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**10. Amendment voted 11-08-2016; effective 12-19-2016**

See current Charter.