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ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 20444 (NEW SERIES)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 30 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 22.3020 RELATING TO ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS.

WHEREAS, developments in technology and growth of the internet has made electronic advertisement and award of public contracts feasible, convenient and cost effective; and

WHEREAS, the California Electronic Transmissions Act (Cal. Civ. Code § 1633.1 *et seq.*) authorizes transactions to be conducted electronically, including the use of electronic signatures; and

WHEREAS, California Public Contract Code sections 1600 and 1601 authorize public agencies to solicit bids and award public contracts by electronic means; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 30 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 22.3020, to read as follows:

§22.3020 Electronic Transactions

- (a) The City may use electronic transmission, including electronic signatures, to send and receive bids, proposals, contracts, and other documents related to the award and administration of contracts, pursuant to regulations to be adopted by the City Manager. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) A method to verify all bids, proposals, and signatures are authentic.

- (2) A method to ensure accurate retrieval or conversion of electronic forms of such information into a medium that permits inspection and copying.
- (b) When the City Charter or Municipal Code requires submission of sealed bids or proposals, the regulations to be adopted by the City Manager shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) Safeguards to ensure that no bid or proposal may be opened before the deadline established for opening.
 - (2) An electronic receipt for each *bidder* and proposer provided either by immediate electronic transmission or by access to an electronic file on the internet that confirms receipt and can be viewed and printed by the *bidder* or proposer.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall relieve the City from holding a public bid opening when required by this Division.

Section 2. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its passage, a written or printed copy having been made available to the City Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC 9-9-2014.

	ELIZABETH S. MAZAND City Charles By Deputy City Cherk
Approved: 12/11/14 (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed:	KEVIN I FAUI CONER Mayo