

**City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item**

Item: Proposed Repeal of MCC Chapter 2.90

Council Meeting

Date: November 30, 2022

Sponsor(s): Eric Hallstrom, Chief Operations Officer; Leigh Griffing, Financial Services Director

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Ward(s) Affected:

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Action Required:

Adopt an ordinance repealing Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 2.90 entitled "Architects/Engineers Selection"

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council:

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Background and Alternatives Explored:

Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 2.90 was adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It lays out specific procedures and criteria for the selection and negotiation of architectural and engineering services.

MCC Chapter 2.90 sets forth four goals, none of which are unique to the acquisition of architectural and engineering services: 1) to obtain the most qualified professional services at a reasonable cost, 2) establish an open, documented procedure for selection of professional services, 3) to avoid potential conflicts of interest and appearance of favoritism, and 4) to permit all qualified professionals to be considered. These goals form the underpinning of our entire purchasing philosophy. The appropriate place for specific purchasing procedures is the City's administrative rules, which cover all City purchasing activities.

Moreover, Montana state law contains provisions applicable to the acquisition of architectural, engineering, and surveying services. MCC Chapter 2.90 both duplicates and contradicts provisions of state law and our current purchasing policy which reside in Administrative Rule 3. In order to more dynamically respond to changes in the procurement environment the administration recommends repealing 2.90 and incorporating the most salient provisions within the administrative rule. This path streamlines the procurement process and does not reduce or limit any accountability for staff.

Financial Implications:

The ordinance has limited financial implications outside of the efficiency gained through the use of more consistent administrative procedures.

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