

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-871

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: December 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2023

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 126 – Procurement Code – in Part 3 – Professional Service Contracts - to add a new Section 126.318 – Selection Procedures for Federal and State Lobbying and Grant Writing Professional Services Contracts, to become effective on July 1, 2024. It also amends the chapter to create a new Section 126.310 - Selection Procedures for Federal and State Lobbying and Grant Writing Professional Services Contracts – in Subpart C – Procurement Methods and Procedures, also to become effective on July 1, 2024.

Background Information: The new sections prohibit the execution of single-source or other non-competitively awarded contracts to acquire federal and state lobbying and grant writing professional services unless and until such contracts have been approved by the City Council. The prohibition applies to any such contracts, whether negotiated and preliminarily approved through the professional services processes of this Part, or by any other process. The new language provides that the City Council may accept, reject, or propose modifications to any such proposed contract, and may, subject to the approval of the other contracting parties, modify the terms thereof, including but not limited to the scope, financial, duration, renewal, and termination terms of the proposed contract. The amendments express the Council’s intent that no third party shall have any interest, anticipation or expectation in or to any proposed terms of a contract until such is approved by City Council and appropriately signed by all parties.

Policy Impact Area: Professional services procurement

Fiscal Impact: None

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