ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

1st Reading: December 12, 2005
Public Hearing: December 27, 2005
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Councilman ERNEST A. SAVOY, ESQUIRE Presents the following Ordinance:


ORDINANCE NO. 34 OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FAIR & OPEN PROCESS IN THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE

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WHEREAS, State legislation has authorized municipalities pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-1 et seq. to establish a fair and open process in the awarding of contracts exempted from bidding which are in excess of $17,500; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 the City of East Orange has established criteria to define "fair and open process".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE:

That Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of East Orange is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

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A. Contracts awarded having an anticipated value in excess of $17,500 or such other dollar amount as shall be established in NJSA 19:44A-20.5 may be awarded pursuant to the Fair & Open Process established in this chapter.

B. All contracts awarded pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law through public bidding, the competitive contracting process or N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 shall be deemed to have satisfied the municipal standards for Fair and Open Process.

C. The City of East Orange, its boards and commissions shall not enter into a contract having an anticipated value which shall exceed $17,500 or such other dollar amount as
established by NJSA 19:44A-20.5 with a business entity, except a contract awarded in a fair and open process as defined by this chapter, if beginning January 1, 2006 one year prior to the award of the contract (excluding year 2005 or earlier) that business entity has made a contribution that is reportable by the recipient under NJSA 19:44A-1 et seq. to any municipal committee of a political party in East Orange if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of East Orange when the contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of East Orange when the contract is awarded.

D. Prior to awarding any contract having an anticipated value exceeding $17,500 or such other dollar amount as determined by NJSA 19:44A-20.5, except a contract awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process as defined by this chapter or contracts defined in subsection B of this section, the business entity shall be required to submit a written certification that it has not made a contribution that would bar the award of a contract pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-1 et seq.

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2. Sufficient time of notice shall be publication of either a request for proposals or request for qualifications ten (10) calendar days prior to the designated date for receipt of proposals or qualifications in either the official newspaper or website.

3. Receipt of proposals or qualifications shall be by the City's Purchasing Agent or his designee and the date, time, place and manner of receipt shall be included in the notice.

4. Sufficient contents of notice shall include the following:
   a. description of the goods or services;
   b. contact information for obtaining the proposal or qualification
document:

c. name of department requesting the proposal or qualifications;
d. a statement that the proposal or qualifications are being solicited in a fair and open process in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-1 et seq.; and
e. date, time place and manner for receipt of proposals or qualifications.

B. Opening of Requests for Proposals or Qualifications

1. All proposals or qualifications received shall be publicly opened and announced at the date, time and place set forth in the notice soliciting the proposals or qualifications.

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1. The awarding of contracts or selection of business entities pursuant to this section shall be by resolution which shall include a statement that the contract was awarded or business entities selected pursuant to the Fair and Open Process.

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1. The Purchasing Agent or his designee is authorized to advertise for requests for proposals or qualifications in the city’s official newspaper or web site. The Purchasing Agent shall determine in conjunction with the user agency, department, board or commission the criteria that will be used for the basis of the contract award and this criteria shall not be required to be included in the public notice. The criteria established as the basis of the award shall be included in the document requesting proposals or qualifications.

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Section 3: New Section

68:33 PUBLIC EXIGENCE

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Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof. The ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the general law and by a majority vote of the members of City Council serving in office and not disqualified from voting thereon.

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