

manner thereafter an additional two and 50/100 dollars (\$2.50) per month for each successive year of regular employment as a Public Safety Officer until a Public Safety Officer shall have completed twenty (20) years of service. The longevity pay allowance shall not be increased after twenty (20) years of service.

SECTION 13. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. A violation of this Section shall render vacant the position held by the person in violation hereof. In the event the Mayor, a Councilor, the City Auditor, an officer, or employee of the city has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a proposed ordinance or resolution, or in any work, business, or contract, the cost of which is paid by the city or by any assessment levied by ordinance or resolution of the Council, such person shall disclose the interest to the Council and shall not participate in proceedings or vote thereon; provided, after a disclosure of an interest by the Mayor, contracts may be awarded upon competitive bids with the approval of the Council by a majority vote of its entire membership. Contracts awarded or executed in violation of this Section shall be voidable by the Council.

NOTE: This section was amended to read as above by an amendment voted February 13, 1996, and approved by the Governor on June 21, 1996. There were 30,419 votes in favor of the amendment and 24,985 votes against the amendment. The title to this amendment read:

Shall the existing Charter of the City of Tulsa, as heretofore amended, be further amended to delete the prohibition that the Mayor, Councilors, City Auditor, officers, employees, and members of boards and commissions shall not be in the employ of a person, company or corporation holding a franchise of the City of Tulsa?

Prior to this amendment, this section read as follows:

SECTION 13. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. *The Mayor, Councilors, City Auditor, officers, employees, and members of boards and commissions shall not be in the employ of any person, company, or corporation holding or seeking any franchise of the city. A violation of this Section shall render vacant the position held by the person in violation hereof. In the event the Mayor, a Councilor, the City Auditor, an officer, or employee of the city has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a proposed ordinance or resolution, or in any work, business, or contract, the cost of which is paid by the city or by any assessment levied by ordinance or resolution of the Council, such person shall disclose the interest to the Council and shall not participate in proceedings or vote thereon; provided, after a disclosure of an interest by the Mayor, contracts may be awarded upon competitive bids with the approval of the Council by a majority vote of its entire membership. Contracts awarded or executed in violation of this Section shall be voidable by the Council.*

SECTION 14. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES--COMPETITIVE BIDS AND PROCEDURES. Except as otherwise provided in this amended Charter, all contracts of whatever

character pertaining to public improvements or the maintenance of property of the city requiring an expenditure of more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), unless such amount is established otherwise by ordinance, shall be based upon specifications approved by the Mayor. An advertisement for the proposed contract inviting competitive bids shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city not less than five (5) times. Specifications for the contract shall be filed with the City Clerk for inspection by parties desiring to bid. All bids shall be sealed and be opened publicly at the time and place specified in the notice. All bids shall be open to the public for inspection for at least forty-eight (48) hours before the award of the contract is made. The Mayor shall:

- A. Accept and enter into a contract with the party submitting the lowest secure bid; or
- B. Enter into a contract with a party other than the lowest secure bidder, with the approval of the Council, if the Mayor determines such bid to be the most advantageous bid for the city; or
- C. Reject all bids, if the Mayor determines that none of the bids are satisfactory, in which event the Mayor may readvertise for bids or, with the approval of the Council, enter into a negotiated contract for the performance of the work.

All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, or services, other than those of a professional nature, requiring an expenditure of more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), unless such amount is established otherwise by ordinance, shall be made upon written contract after such competition prescribed by ordinance. The provisions of this Section may be waived by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council upon the declaration of an emergency, whereby the immediate award of a contract is determined by the Council to be necessary for the preservation or protection of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare.

SECTION 15. VACATION OF OFFICE. When any officer, employee, or member of a board or commission ceases to possess any required qualification for election, appointment, or service, the Council after public hearing may declare such office or position vacant and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by this amended Charter. When an elected officer or an officer appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council is charged with the commission of a felony, such officer shall be deemed suspended pending the trial or other disposition of the charge and shall receive no compensation from the city for the time of the suspension unless found innocent of such charge. Upon conviction of the officer in the trial court, the office or position held by such officer shall be deemed vacated as of the date of the indictment or filing of the charge and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this amended Charter.

SECTION 16. RECORDS OPEN TO INSPECTION. All records of the city and of boards, authorities, and commissions shall be open to inspection by citizens as provided by the laws of Oklahoma.