



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**TITLE:** SECOND READING - Ordinance amending Section 2-172, Applicability,  
Procurement of Supplies and Services

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an ordinance on second reading amending Section 2-172, Procurement of Supplies and Services, of the Purchasing Code.

**CHANGE OF 2-172 APPLICABILITY**

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This division shall not apply to:

(12) Purchases of goods or services for which the provisions of this Division are waived by the City Commission by resolution.

**Background**

The need to provide services and goods for the homeless is an established priority of the City Commission. The need, when identified by staff, is immediate and may take the form of temporary housing, food, personal hygiene items, or other goods or services which are needed on an emergency basis.

In order to meet the needs of the homeless, and continue to comply with the Purchasing Code, it is recommended that purchases being made for the homeless be exempt from the requirements of obtaining competitive quotes or bids. By exempting those purchases specific to the homeless, staff will be able to respond in a much quicker manner to their needs

**Resource Impact:**

There is no current fiscal impact.

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- **Objective 5:** Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.
- **Initiative 2:** Implement a comprehensive short and long-term strategy with community partners to address Homelessness

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community.*

Related CAM: # 14-0227

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. C-14-07

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