



Huntsville, Alabama

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Huntsville, AL 35801

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 4/9/2026

File ID: TMP-6790

Department: Finance

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Article IV Division 2 Section 2-184 of Ordinance 96-864 to establish a formal policy to exempt expenditures for repair parts and the repair of light duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or less from the competitive bidding process.

Ordinance No. 26-295

Finance Information:

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: \$ N/A

Total Cost: \$ N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: \$ N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

Additional Comments:

Pursuant to Legislative Act 2026-56, Title 41 Chapter 16 Article 3 Section 41-16-52.1 provides that expenditures for repair parts and the repair of light duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or less may be exempt from the competitive bid process. Under the provision, in lieu of seeking prior approval for each repair performed utilizing this provision, the City may adopt a formal policy outlining the conditions and restrictions of utilizing this exemption.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama ("the Council") that Chapter 2 Article IV Division 2 Section 2- 184 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-184 is amended to add subsection (j) which shall read as follows:

(j) Light Duty Vehicles

- (1) Generally. Title 41 Chapter 16 Article 3 Section 41-16-52.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975 as amended provides that all expenditures of funds for repair parts and the repair of light duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 pounds or lesser involving not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) made by the governing bodies of the municipalities of the state and instrumentalities may be made without subjection to the competitive bidding process.

State Code requires prior approval of the governing body or the adoption of a formal policy by the governing body to utilize the exemption provision as outlined in State Code.

- (2) Policy. The following policy is hereby adopted by the Council to set out conditions and restrictions under which the option to make expenditure under the provisions of Section 41-16-52.1 may be exercised:

Prior to entering a requisition for disbursement of funds, departments desiring to expend funds under the provisions of Section 41-16-52.1 shall complete "Exempt from Competitive Bid/Quote Requirement Request Form".

The exemption request form shall be reviewed and approved by the Procurement Services Division of the Finance Department and the Legal Department prior to any such expenditure.

The requesting department shall set out on such form sufficient information from which a determination may be made by Finance and Legal that the requested expenditure would be exempt under Section 41-16-52.1. The requested department requisitioner shall certify the accuracy of the information submitted by signing the form. Should sufficient information not be provided or if it is determined by Finance or Legal that the expenditure would not comply with the requirements of 41-16-52.1, then such expenditure shall not be approved for payment under the policy described here. Additional information may be provided by the requesting department as a supplement.

It is the Council's intent that any expenditure allowable under Section 41-16-52.1 may be approved by these provisions without the necessity of presentation of the

same to the Council. Any expenditure that would otherwise be approvable under the provisions of this policy may be referred to the Council.

All purchase orders issued utilizing this exemption provision shall reference Section 41-16-52.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975 as amended as required under State Code.

Section 2. With the exception of the amendments made herein, all other provisions of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama shall remain unchanged in full force and effect.

Section 3. The guidelines, requirements, and provision of this section shall adhere to and agree with any amendments made to Title 41 Chapter 16 Article 3 Section 41-16-52.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended without further action by the City Council.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

President of the City Council of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

SB115 ENROLLED



ACT #2026-56

- 1 SB115
- 2 SLZ2D55-2
- 3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Smitherman, Elliott, Albritton
- 4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
- 5 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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Relating to competitive bidding; adding Section
41-16-52.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt certain
awarding authorities from competitive bidding requirements for
repairs of vehicles under certain circumstances.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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Section 1. Section 41-16-52.1 is added to the Code of
Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

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(a) For purposes of this section, the term "awarding
authority" means any county commission, governing body of a
municipality, or an instrumentality of a county or
municipality, including a waterworks board, a sewer board, a
gas board, and other like utility boards and commissions.

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(b) All expenditures of funds, made by or on the behalf
of any awarding authority, for repair parts and the repair of
vehicles shall be made at the option of the awarding authority
without regard to this article when the following conditions
are met:

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(1) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of
12,000 pounds or less.

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(2) The incident of repair does not involve more than
fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

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(3) The awarding authority solicits and documents price
estimates from at least two different vendors prior to
awarding the contract.

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29 (c) The exemption provided under this section shall
30 apply to each vehicle repaired, and the exempted expenditure
31 shall not be aggregated with the expenditures of any other
32 incidents of repair.

33 (d) (1) The option provided by subsection (b) may be
34 exercised by the awarding authority by specific reference to
35 this section on any purchase orders and purchase commitments
36 executed by the awarding authority.

37 (2) The option shall not be exercised by any employee,
38 agent, or servant unless done so after having received
39 official prior approval of the respective awarding authority
40 or unless exercised pursuant to a formal policy adopted by the
41 awarding authority setting out conditions and restrictions
42 under which the option shall be exercised.

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
44 1, 2026.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

SB115
Senate 21-Jan-26
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 10-Feb-26

By: Senator Coleman-Madison

APPROVED 2-17-2026
TIME 12:15 pm

GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State
Act Num....: 2026-56
Bill Num...: S-115
Recv'd 02/17/26 12:59pmMQC

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| SPONSOR: <u>Patrick Harris</u> | |
| CO-SPONSORS | |
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SENATE ACTION
 DATE: 1-13 2026
 RD 1 RFD CEMG

I hereby certify that the notice & proof is attached to the Bill, SB _____ as required in the General Acts of Alabama, 1975 Act No. 919.
 PATRICK HARRIS,
 Secretary

This Bill was referred to the Standing Committee of the Senate on C+MG
 and was acted upon by such Committee in session and is by order of the Committee returned therefrom with a favorable report w/amd(s) 0 w/sub 0 w/eng sub 0
 years 7 nays 0 abstain 0
 this 20th day of January, 2026
Patrick Harris, Chairperson

DATE: 1-13 2026
 RF: FAV RD 2 CAL

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, SB 115
 years 29 nays 0 abstain 0
 PATRICK HARRIS,
 Secretary

DATE: 1-21-26 RD 3 at length
 PASSED PASSED AS AMENDED
 years 29 nays 2 abstain 0
 And was ordered sent forthwith to the House.
 PATRICK HARRIS,
 Secretary

FURTHER SENATE ACTION (OVER)

HOUSE ACTION
 DATE: 1-22 2026
 RD 1 RFD C+MG

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
 This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on C+MG

was acted upon by such Committee in session and returned therefrom to the House with the recommendation that it be Passed.
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 this 29th day of January, 2026
Patrick Harris, Chairperson

DATE: 1-29 2026
 RF: FAV RD 2 CAL

DATE: _____
 RE-REFERRED RE-COMMITTED
 COMMITTEE _____

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, SB 115
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 JOHN TREADWELL,
 Clerk

FURTHER HOUSE ACTION (OVER)