



# Chicago Park District

## Legislation Text

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### AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District:**

#### **I. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed amendments to Chapter XI of the Code of the Chicago Park District.

#### **II. Explanation**

Chapter 70 ILCS 1505/7.02 enables the Board of Commissioners to “establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of parks.” Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed amendments to Chapter XI to update the rules and procedures governing the Chicago Park District’s procurement of and contracts for goods, services, and construction. The proposed amendments are set forth in full in the enclosed Exhibit A. These amendments include, but are not limited to the following changes:

- Section C regarding “Power to Contract” was updated to clarify and update the authority to enter into contracts:
  - o The Director of Purchasing has the authority to enter into contracts and approve change orders where the dollar amount does not exceed \$20,000 (Section C.1.a);
  - o The General Superintendent has the authority to enter into contracts and approve change orders where the dollar amount does not exceed \$200,000 (Section C.2.a). Following the introduction of the draft amendments to Chapter 11, the General Superintendent’s authority was increased to \$200,000 to maintain the same authority level for the approval of contracts and change orders; and
  - o The Board of Commissioners must authorize any contract or change order where the dollar amount exceeds \$200,000. Further, for any contract approved by the Board, the Board must separately approve the exercise of an extension option provided for in the original contract. (Section C.3.a)
- The Board of Commissioners may also authorize pre-qualified contractor pools, which are subject to caps set by the Board of Commissioners, where the Board must separately approve any project awarded to or work bought from the pool in excess of the caps (Section C.3.c).
- The reports to the Board of Commissioners required under Section C were also expanded to provide specificity regarding the nature and content of the reports including the addition of a report where a single change order or the aggregate change orders for a contract exceed 20% of the original contract

value (Section C.4).

- The threshold for competitive bids under Section D was also updated as follows:
  - o Purchases or contracts valued between \$15,000 and \$20,000 follow a more abbreviated competitive bid process as set forth in Section D.1.a.
  - o Contract values exceeding \$20,000 require competitive sealed bids as set forth in Section D.1.b.

The Chicago Park District did not receive any public comments in response to the proposed amendments.

The General Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the amendments to Chapter XI of the Code as set forth in Exhibit A to the Ordinance.

Upon final approval, the General Counsel shall review, prepare and publish electronic copies of the Code of the Chicago Park District that have been revised by reason of these amendments.