

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-16

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES; PUBLIC FUNDS;" PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES, AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT THRESHOLD REQUIRING COMMISSION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines (the "City") conducted public workshops on August 26, 2025 and November 19, 2025 to consider presentations from the City's professional staff related to the City's procurement procedures and requirements for competitive solicitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission seeks to ensure that all goods and services utilized by the City are procured through an open, fair and competitive process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission further seeks to ensure that all potential vendors seeking to do business with the City are given an equal opportunity to compete for City business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's professional staff has reviewed the best practices related to local government procurement and has recommended a number of revisions to Ch. 35 of the City's Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the City's procurement procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2014, the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida (the "City") adopted Ordinance No.1797, requiring City contractors to

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provide employment benefits to employees in domestic partnerships that were equal to the employment benefits they provided to employees in traditional marriages; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature passed Chapter 2024-80, Laws of Florida, which will become effective on September 30, 2026 and prohibits municipalities from requiring contractors to offer any employment benefits to their employees beyond what is required by state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the new law also prohibits municipalities from giving any preference during the solicitation process to contractors because of the employment benefits the contractors offer employees; and

**WHEREAS**, when the new law goes into effect, it will invalidate Section 35.39 of the City of Pembroke Pines Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that the revisions to Ch. 35 of the City's Code of Ordinances, as detailed in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein, are in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof; all exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein are made a specific part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission hereby adopts the revisions to Ch. 35 of the

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City's of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Procurement Procedures; Public Funds," as set forth in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance in the public records of Broward County and provide a certified copy to the Florida Department of Economic Development and any additional information requested, within thirty (30) days of adoption of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Conflicts. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5.** Severability. Should any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, clause or word of this Ordinance or portion hereof be held or declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall be considered as eliminated and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, ON THE FIRST READING, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_ 2025.**

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**PASSED ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE  
PINES, FLORIDA, ON THE SECOND AND FINAL READING, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO

_____	CASTILLO	_____
GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK	HERNANDEZ	_____
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	GOOD	_____
	RODRIGUEZ	_____
_____	SCHWARTZ	_____

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY