

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) currently state in Article VI, Section 1 that the HANO Board of Commissioners has a duty "[t]o review and approve all contracts for goods or services having a value of more than \$250,000.;" and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the federal government's simplified acquisition threshold from \$150,000 to \$250,000 that not conflict with the Louisiana Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the HANO will be improved by increasing the threshold amount of the contracts for goods or services that must be reviewed by this Board from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby amends Article VI, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

The Board has the authority and the duty to govern all affairs of the Authority and shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Housing Authorities Law. The Board's duty to govern all of the affairs of the Authority shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

iv. To review and approve all contracts for goods or services in accordance with HANO's Procurement Policy.

Executed this 23rd day of February, 2021.

APPROVAL:



**DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



February 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Sharon Jasper, Commissioner Carol Johnson,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: Kevin Oufnac
General Counsel

Re: Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1

In Article VI, Sect. 1, the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans ("HANO") currently provide the HANO Board of Commissioners with the responsibility to "review and approve all contracts for goods or services having a value of more than \$150,000." On March 12, 2019, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued a letter noticing the increase in the federal government's simplified acquisition threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The Procurement Code of the State of Louisiana does not conflict with the federal government's increase in the simplified acquisition threshold, and therefore, an increase in the simplified acquisition threshold is allowable under both federal and state law.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans amend the HANO Bylaws to remove the statement that the Board of Commissioners shall review "all contracts for goods or services having a value of more than \$150,000" as follows:

**ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Section 1. Board of Commissioners

The Board has the authority and the duty to govern all affairs of the Authority and shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Housing Authorities Law. The Board's duty to govern all of the affairs of the Authority shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- iv. To review and approve all contracts for goods or services ~~having a value of more than \$150,000~~ in accordance with HANO's Procurement Policy.