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# City of Riverside Administrative Manual

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Michael D. Moore Department

City Manager

#### SUBJECT:

## **Change Orders**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To establish a formal procedure for the use of Change Orders.

**SOURCE OF AUTHORITY:** Purchasing Resolution Article Eleven

#### **POLICY:**

Any modifications to an open Purchase Order shall be made only by Change Order. When required, and subject to availability of funds, a Change Order shall be authorized and issued to modify a Purchase Order. Change Orders are required for all Capital Contract Purchase Orders and other Purchase Orders when:

- 1. Adding and/or deleting quantity of items being procured;
- 2. Modifying unit prices;
- 3. Modifying the scope of work/services being provided, where the modification is reasonably related to the original scope of work or services;
- 4. Modifying contract completion time, or
- 5. Any other change approved by the Purchasing Manager.

The Purchasing Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to issue and execute Change Orders that are in accordance with this policy and the City's current Purchasing Resolution.

### PROCEDURE:

ResponsibilityActionOriginating Department1. Prepares Change Order, "X" type requisition.

2. Obtains Contract amendments for any changes to Non-Construction Agreements.

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#### PROCEDURE:

Responsibility Action

- 3. Obtains Contract amendments for any changes to Construction Contracts and other agreements that add to, or change the scope of work of the original contract, or is subject to #4 below.
- 4. Obtains City Council or Board of Public Utilities approval for changes to the scope of the original contract if:
  - a. The original contract was required to be approved by the awarding entity; or
  - b. The revised total contract amount falls within #5 below.
- 5. Obtains City Council or Board of Public Utilities approval for change orders that cumulatively exceed the allowable threshold set forth in the current Purchasing Resolution:
  - a. 10% of the original contract price for Contracts and/or Purchase Orders up to \$50,000; additional percentage authority may be authorized by the Manager up to \$50,000 or as otherwise specified for in the City Charter;
  - b. Any Change Order which causes the contract price to exceed \$50,000, if the Contract and/or Purchase Order was not previously approved by the Awarding Entity:
  - c. 10% of the original contract price for Contracts and/or Purchase Orders previously approved by the Awarding Entity and the total Change Order amount will not exceed \$150,000;
  - d. A Contract amendment which extends the term of the agreement beyond one year of the original expiration date;
  - e. Any Change Order which extends the time of completion beyond one year of the original date.
- 6. When City Council or Board of Public Utilities is required, submit the following to Purchasing for Concurrence through the online portal:
  - a. Council or Board Memo, and
  - b. Contract Amendment that has been signed by the vendor, and
  - c. Any additional information to support the request.
- 7. Obtains Department Head approval for changes over 10% when the total contract is \$50,000 or less and therefore does not require City Council approval.
- 8. Obtains contractor's signature when contract change is involved.
- 9. Forwards Change Order requisition to Purchasing for processing, with supporting documents.
- 10. Verifies that approval from City Council or Board of Public Utilities, if required, was obtained.
- 11. Reviews and validates Change Order requisition.
- 12. Procurement & Contract Specialist forwards to Purchasing Manager for approval if Change Order is over 10%.

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#### PROCEDURE:

13. Inputs Change Order requisition information into purchasing system.

14. Creates revised Purchase Order if sufficient funds are available.

a. If insufficient funds, contacts Budget Office for possible override authority, or informs originating department that a budget transfer is required.

15. Purchasing Manager forwards to Assistant CFO for approval when total change amount exceeds \$1,000,000 unless original PO was approved for over said amount.

- 16. Distributes Change Order as required.
- 17. Updates Contract Module as applicable.

**Originating Department** 

- 18. Refers to Receiving and Payment procedure (07.011.00).
- 19. Sends copy of contract amendment to City Clerk for retention with original agreement.