

RESOLUTION NO. 7 , 2019

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, state law requires governmental entities when purchasing goods or services in excess of \$50,000 to award such purchase by competitive bidding, which at times can add unnecessary delays and unnecessary costs to such routine contract procedures; and

WHEREAS, state law recognizes a number of exemptions to competitive bidding when advantages may be gained by participating in a cooperative purchasing program such as the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program through the Department of Administrative Services; and

WHEREAS, additional exemptions are recognized under state law including exemptions available under R.C. § 9.48 for joint purchasing programs operated by or through national or state association of political subdivisions in which the local municipal entity is a member; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council ("HGAC") is a government-to-government procurement service available nationwide which has been operating for the benefit of municipal entities nationally for more than thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined that membership in HGAC will benefit the City by expanding the array of goods and services which are available to the City, but not necessarily available through the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined that HGAC meets the requirements for an exemption under Ohio law, as HGAC secures such goods and services through the appropriate process of competitive bidding, but HGAC provides the benefit of collective purchasing passing those benefits through to its member organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a government-to-government procurement service available nationwide which operates a public competitive procurement process benefiting its member organizations. The Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council to allow the City to obtain membership in the national organization, and from time-to-time as may be beneficial to the City to obtain appropriate goods or services through their procurement service which meet the exceptions recognized under R.C. § 9.48 for a Joint Purchasing Program.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: April 3, 2019

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Christopher P. Dobrozsi
Christopher P. Dobrozsi, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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