

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING CITY PURCHASING AUTHORITY AND REQUIRING PRIOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$1,500.00.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, is charged with the fiscal management and oversight of all municipal funds; and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to establish an internal control policy regarding municipal expenditures to ensure accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Bridgeport, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Prior Approval Required. No Mayor, city officer, department head, or employee shall make, authorize, or commit the City to any purchase, contract, or expenditure exceeding One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) **without prior review and approval by a majority vote of the City Council.**

SECTION 2. Splitting of Purchases Prohibited. City departments and employees are strictly prohibited from artificially dividing or splitting a single purchase, project, or contract into smaller, separate transactions under \$1500.00 for the purpose of evading the Council approval required by this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Standard Approval Process. Any proposed purchase or contract exceeding One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) must be submitted to the City Clerk with supporting documentation (such as quotes or invoices) to be placed on the official agenda for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for consideration and vote.

SECTION 4. Emergency Exception. The restrictions of Section 1 shall not apply in the event of a bona fide public emergency where immediate action is required to protect public health, safety, or critical infrastructure. Any such emergency expenditure exceeding \$5,000.00 must be approved by the Mayor (Council President or designated administrator) and presented to the City Council for ratification at its next meeting.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

(ATTEST)

Gail Beyer, Mayor
City of Bridgeport

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Bridgeport