RESOLUTION NO. <u>3626</u>

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE AMBULANCE VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, an ambulance vehicle must be purchased to equip a fire station to be built in East Albany.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, acting as the Contract Review Board, hereby approves the following findings of fact relating to the purchase of one ambulance vehicle.

- 1. Cost Savings: The two ambulances purchased last year cost \$115,400 each. Hughes Fire Equipment has submitted a written quotation to supply one ambulance as specified for \$122,820. It will take several months to conduct a competitive bid process, and during that time the price is certain to increase. An exemption will allow us to take advantage of today's price. ORS 290.017(2)(b), AMC 2.46.060(20)(b)
- 2. Compatibility: Compatibility between equipment and vehicles is critical to safety and efficiency in emergency situations. We have long striven for such compatibility in our medical equipment, and this is an opportunity to preserve compatibility of our ambulance vehicles. ORS 290.017(2)(d)
- 3. Favoritism and Competition: We do not believe that an exemption would foster favoritism nor diminish competition. Our two previous ambulances are completely satisfactory, as has been the service offered by Hughes Fire Equipment. Hughes was the only responsible bidder in our previous purchase, and we do not believe any future savings will result from a competitive bid process. ORS 290.017(a), AMC 2.46.060(20)(a)
- 4. Sole Seller: Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. of Eugene, Oregon, is the sole distributer and authorized service center in the Northwest United States for Lifeline Emergency Vehicles, the builder of the ambulance coach. ORS 290.017(2)(c), AMC 2.46.060(11)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council declares an emergency and authorizes the purchase of one Lifeline/Freightliner ambulance from Hughes Fire Equipment Company for \$122,820 without competitive bidding as provided for by the provisions of Section 2.64.060 of the Albany Municipal Code.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 1996.

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