AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-98 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ALLOW PURCHASES BASED ON COMPETITIVE BIDS OBTAINED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Improvement District has need to purchase commodities and obtain contractual services, and the bids received by the District for such commodities or services can be obtained more cheaply or efficiently through the utilization of competitive bids obtained by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the District has need of acquiring commodities or contractual services in a more timely fashion than is afforded by the bid process, when such commodities or services are available through competitive bids of other governmental entities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1.

Section 9-98 of the Code of Ordinances, Highlands County, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) EXCEPTIONS. In the event that the purchase price of the item to be purchased is in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and the item can be purchased under a State or Federal General Services Administration Contract or from the lowest and best bidder under a competitive bidding process of another governmental entity, including a county, school board, or other municipality, which bid process was completed within twelve (12) months prior to the purchase, or in the event that the item is available only from one (1) supplier, the requirement of competitive bidding herein shall not apply.

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of official acknowledgement from the Secretary of State that this Ordinance has been filed with that office.

DONE AND ADOPTED this 25 day of June, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Doris Gentry, Chairman

ATTEST

L. E. "Luke" Brooker, Clerk