

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 27 day of Feb A. D. 2012. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 13 day of March A. D. 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 14 -2012

*Linda A. Kelleher*  
CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, SECTION 186 G FISCAL PROVISIONS BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FROM \$50,000 TO \$25,000.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Amending The City of Reading Codified Ordinances Chapter 1 Administration and Government, Section 186 Fiscal Provisions, Part G by reducing the amount of expenditures and allocations requiring council's approval from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

**Fund Accounts. §1-186. Fiscal Provisions.**

**3. Regulations Concerning Appropriations and Transfers.**

A. The authorization and expenditure of all funds and preparation of department budgets shall be in accordance with a policy adopted by the Council and a financial procedures manual to be prepared and periodically reviewed and updated by the Department of Finance. Expenditures shall be executed in a uniform manner for every City Department.

B. The Director of Finance shall prepare and submit a monthly report to the Mayor, the managing director, and Council. This monthly report shall include all Expenditures, borrowing, or any use for each City Department and each City Fund account, and status reports comparing those expenditures with the adopted budget, as well as any Department justification of transfer, borrowing, or any use of funds within departments, between departments and within or between City Funds account.

C. In order to allow flexibility in the administration of the City's business, departments may transfer money between line items within the department. A majority of Council, in response to any monthly report, may place a limit on the amount of additional excess expenditure allowed for any program or line item. This is not intended to restrict unduly the Mayor's ability to manage and administer the budget

D. Justification for transferring, borrowing or any use of funds between departments and/or City Fund accounts must be presented to and approved by Council. The financial procedures manual will stipulate the following:

- (1) Expenditure procedures.
- (2) Justification procedures for transferring money between line items.
- (3) Justification procedures for transferring money between department.
- (4) Administration of petty cash funds.
- (5) Justification procedures for transferring, borrowing, or any use of money between City Fund accounts.

E. Requiring an amendment to the City's annual Budget Ordinance authorizing the transfer, borrowing, or any use of all monies including, but not limited to, transfers, borrowing, or any use of funds between departments, and transfers, borrowing, or any use of funds in and out of any City Fund account, account or line item either attached in part or unattached to a departmental budget. The City Funds include all general, operating, capital and enterprise funds. The request for a budget amendment must be submitted to City Council with an agenda memorandum explaining the justification for transfer, borrowing, or any use of funds and the proposed use for the funds transferred at least 2 weeks before the transfer is required. [Ord. 36-2000]

F. Requiring an amendment to the City's annual Budget Ordinance to authorize any cumulative modification to any departmental overall budget or line item exceeds \$10,000. The request for a budget amendment must be submitted to City Council with an agenda memorandum explaining the justification for transfer and the proposed use for the funds transferred, borrowed or used at least 2 weeks before the transfer is required. [Ord.54-2009]

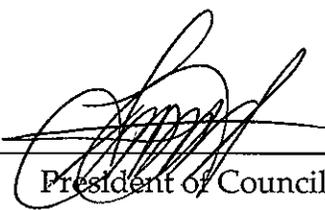
G. Requiring City Council approval, via ordinance, for the following:

- (1) Salary increases that were not approved in or included in the budget for the fiscal year and fall outside the labor contract for union employees.
- (2) All expenditures not approved and listed in the operating or capital budgets for the fiscal year prior to those expenditures occurring. [Ord. 36-2000]
- (3) All expenditures and allocations of ~~\$50,000~~ \$25,000 or more from and to any and all agency funds and any and all line-items falling in the Departmental and Non Departmental area of the General Fund. [Ord. 4-2009]

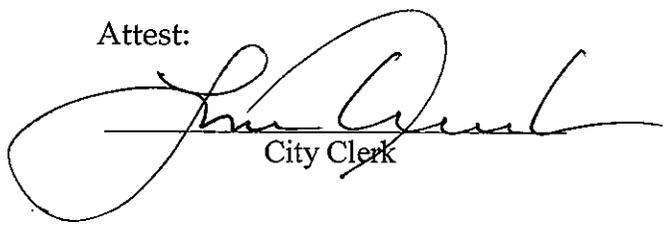
**SECTION TWO.** All other parts of the Ordinance remain unchanged.

**SECTION THREE.** This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption in accordance with Sections 219 and 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted by Council Feb 27, 2012

  
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President of Council

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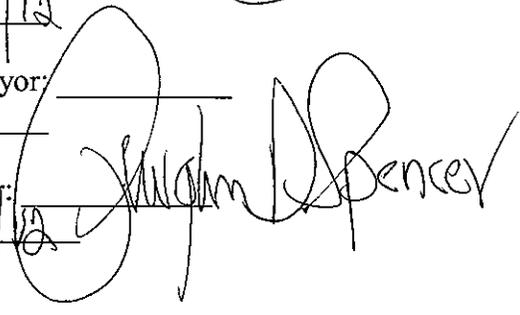
  
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City Clerk

(Council Staff)

Submitted to Mayor:   
Date: 2/28/12

Received by the Mayor's Office:   
Date: 2/28/12

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed by Mayor:   
Date: 3/8/12



# CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

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**VAUGHN D. SPENCER**  
MAYOR

3/8/12

City Council President and Members of Council,

I have exercised my veto power on ordinance No. 14-2012. My objections to ordinance No. 14-2012 are the following:

1. By lowering the amount of expenditures and allocations requiring Councils approval from \$50,000 to \$25,000 will inhibit the Administration's flexibility and timeliness in dealing with day to day Administrative fiscal issues.
2. The previous attempt to enact a similar ordinance was rejected by Council for the aforementioned rationale as articulated, at that time, by our Managing Director.

Therefore, I exercise my veto power for ordinance No. 14-2012.

Mayor,

Vaughn D. Spencer

CC. Managing Director



At the March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council the veto of Bill No. 14-2012 was overridden by supermajority vote of Council as listed below.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to override the veto of Bill No. 14-2012.

The veto of Bill No. 14-2012 was overridden by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner – 5

Nays: Waltman, Acosta, President – 2