ORDINANCE NO. 303

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-48-129 and A.C.A. § 14-58-303, all purchases, contracts or sales by the City of Barling in excess of \$5,000.00 by the City of Barling shall be by competitive bidding.

Section 2. Whenever competitive bidding is required, the specifications for the purchase, contract, or sale shall be approved by the Board of Directors and thereafter advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Barling. At the time of advertising for competitive bidding, the Board of Directors shall establish a reasonable time period for award of the bid to be not less than ten days following the advertisement.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may waive the requirement of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where the procedure for approval of specifications and advertisement for bids is not feasible. In situations deemed by the City Administrator to constitute an exceptional or emergency situation such that competitive bidding should be waived by the Board of Directors, the City Administrator shall seek at least two bids on an informal basis to submit to the Board of Directors prior to the waiver by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 4.</u> Ordinance Nos. 188, 294 and 301 shall remain in full force and effect. All other Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas this 8th day of July, 2003.

ATTEST:

Cindy Walker, City Clerk

Jerry Barling, Mayor