

SLAVERY ERA RECORDS AND INSURANCE DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE
TO: THE PEOPLE OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
(On June 23, 2004, the City of Detroit adopted the following Ordinance)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-04
CHAPTER 18
ARTICLE V**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V, OF THE 1984 DETROIT CITY CODE, TITLED "PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES." BY ADDING DIVISION 7. TITLED "SLAVERY ERA RECORDS AND INSURANCE DISCLOSURE." WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF SECTIONS 18-5-91 THROUGH 18-5-93, TO REQUIRE, AS PART OF THE CONTRACTING PROCESS, THAT EACH CONTRACTOR WITH WHICH THE CITY ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT SEARCH ITS RECORDS AND THOSE OF ANY PREDECESSOR ENTITY, AND SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DISCLOSING ANY RECORDS WITHIN ITS POSSESSION OR KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO INVESTMENTS OR PROFITS FROM THE SLAVE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED TO SLAVE HOLDERS THAT PROVIDED COVERAGE FOR INJURY, DEATH OR OTHER LOSS RELATED TO SLAVES WHO WERE HELD DURING THE SLAVERY ERA IN THE UNITED STATES.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 18, Article V, of the 1984 Detroit City Code, titled "Purchases and Supplies." by adding Division 7. titled "Slavery Era Records and Insurance Disclosure." which shall consist of Sections 18-5-91 through 18-5-93, to require, as part of the contracting process, that each contractor with which the City enters into a contract search its records and those of any predecessor entity, and submit an affidavit disclosing any records within its possession or knowledge relation to investments or profits from the slave industry, including insurance policies issued to slave holders that provided coverage for injury, death or other loss related slaves who were held during the slavery era in the United States.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 18, Article V, of the 1984 Detroit City Code, titled "Purchases and Supplies." by adding Division 7. titled "Slavery Era Records and Insurance Disclosure." which shall consist of Sections 18-5-91 through 18-5-93, to read as follows:

DIVISION 7. SLAVERY ERA RECORDS AND INSURANCE DISCLOSURE.

Sec. 18-5-91. Scope.

- (a) This division shall apply to each contractor for goods or services with which the City enters into a contract, whether or not the contract is subject to competitive bid.
- (b) Each contactor shall be responsible for searching and disclosing records of the entity which proposes to enter into a contract with the City as well as all records of any predecessor entity that are within the possession or knowledge of the contractor regarding records of Investments or profits from the slave Industry, including records of any insurance policies issued to slave holders which provided coverage for injury, death, or other loss related to slaves who were held during the slavery era in the United States.

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Sec. 18-5-92. Affidavit of disclosure required.

- (a) As part of its contract package, each contractor with which the City enters into a contract shall submit to the Finance Department Purchasing Division prior to the submission to City Council or approval of such contract, an affidavit that discloses the information indicated in Subsection (b) and (c) of this section. The affidavit shall be on a form provided by the Finance Department Purchasing Division.
- (b) The affidavit shall verify that the contractor has searched all records of the entity which proposes to enter into a contract with the City, as well as all records of any predecessor entity, that are within the possession or knowledge of the contractor regarding records of investments or profits from the slave industry, including records of any insurance policies issued to slave holders which provided coverage for injury, death, or other loss related to slaves who were held during the slavery era in the United states.
- (c) The affidavit shall disclose ay information discovered during the search regarding investments or profits from slavery or slave holder insurance policies which accrued to the current entity or to any predecessor entity, including the names of any slaves or slave holders that are described in such records or are otherwise within the knowledge of the contractor.

Sec 18-5-93. Voidability of contract.

- (a) Failure to comply with this division shall render the contract voidable by the City.
- (b) A determination to void the contract for failure to comply with this division shall be made by the Director of the Finance Department at any time after reviewing, or become aware of, information which indicates that a contractor has failed to comply with this division.

Sec 18-5-94—18-5-100. Reserved.

Section 2. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance is declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

Section 4. In the event that this ordinance is passed by a two-thirds majority of City Council Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and shall become effective upon publication in accordance with Section 4-116 of the 1997 Detroit City Charter,. Where this ordinance is passed by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council Members serving,, it shall become effective no later that thirty (30) days after enactment, or on the first business day thereafter in accordance with Section 4-115 of the 1997 Detroit City Charter.

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 JACKIE L. CURRIE
 City Clerk