

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

PART II, Code of Ordinances

CHAPTER 2, Administration

ARTICLE X, Local Preference Policy

SECTION 2-201, Local preference in purchasing and contracting

In purchasing of, or letting of contracts for procurement of, personal property, materials, certain contractual services, and construction of improvements to real property or to existing structures, the city commission, or other purchasing authority, may give a preference to local businesses in making such purchase or awarding such contract in an amount not to exceed five (5) per cent for purchases under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), three (3) per cent for purchases two hundred fifty thousand one dollars (\$250,001.00) to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), and two (2) per cent for purchases over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), cost differential should not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Total bid price shall include not only the base bid price but also all alterations to that base bid price resulting from alternates which were both part of the bid and actually purchased or awarded by the city commission or other purchasing authority.

(Ord. No. 89-0-0074, § 2, 11-8-89; Ord. No. 99-0-0059AA, § 1, 11-23-99)

SECTION 2-202. Exceptions to local preference policy

The preference set forth in this article X shall not apply to any of the following purchases or contracts:

- (1) Purchases or contracts with an estimated value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less;
- (2) Contracts for professional services procurement of which is subject to the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act [F.S. § 287.055] or subject to any competitive consultant selection procedure adopted by the city commission or the city manager;
- (3) Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental entity and the laws, regulations, or policies governing such funding prohibit application of that preference; or
- (4) Purchases made or contracts let under emergency procurement situations as such are defined in the city's purchasing and property disposal manual.

(Ord. No. 89-0-0074, § 3, 11-8-89)

SECTION 2-203. Definition of local business

The term "local business" shall mean a person, firm, corporation, or other business entity which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in the particular business at issue, and which has maintained a permanent place of business with full-time employees within Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, or Jefferson County, Florida, for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the date bids were received for the purchase or contract at issue.

(Ord. No. 89-0-0074, § 4, 11-8-89)