

# CITY OF TALLASSEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

## PART II, CODE OF ORDINANCES

### CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION

#### ARTICLE IV, FINANCES

##### DIVISION 2. LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY

Sec. 2-106. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Local business* means 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 months prior to the date bids were received for the purchase or contract at issue.

(Code 1984, § 2-203; Ord. No. 89-O-0074, § 4, 11-8-1989)

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 2-107. Findings of fact.

The city annually spends significant amounts in purchasing personal property, materials, and contractual services and in constructing improvements to real property or to existing structures. The dollars used in making those purchases are derived, in large part, from taxes and fees imposed on local businesses; and the city commission has determined that funds generated in the community should, to the extent possible, be placed back into the local economy. Therefore, the city commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the city to give a preference to local businesses in making such purchases whenever the application of such a preference is reasonable in light of the dollar-value of proposals received in relation to such expenditures.

(Code 1984, § 2-200; Ord. No. 89-O-0074, § 1, 11-8-1989)

Sec. 2-108. 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 \$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.

(Code 1984, § 2-202; Ord. No. 89-O-0074, § 3, 11-8-1989)

Sec. 2-109. 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 percent for purchases under \$250,000.00, three percent for purchases \$250,001.00 to \$500,000.00, and two percent for purchases over \$500,000.00. Cost differential should not exceed \$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.

(Code 1984, § 2-201; Ord. No. 89-O-0074, § 2, 11-8-1989; Ord. No. 99-O-0059AA, § 1, 11-23-1999)

**State law references:** Local preferences authorized, F.S. § 287.084.

Secs. 2-110--2-130. Reserved.

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