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Local Vendor Preference
City of Gainesville

Current Ordinance	Proposed Modifications
<p>Section 2-621. Definition</p> <p>Local Business means the vendor has a valid occupational license, issued by the City of Gainesville at least six months prior to bid or proposal opening date, to do business in said locality that authorizes the business to provide the goods, services, or construction to be purchased, and a physical business address located within the limits of said locality, in an area zoned for the conduct of such business, from which the vendor operates or performs business on a day-to-day basis. Post office boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address. In order to be eligible for local preference, the vendor must provide a copy of the occupational license.</p>	<p>Local Business means the vendor has a valid occupational license, issued by the City of Gainesville at least six months <u>2 year or the business was started in Gainesville.</u> prior to bid or proposal opening date, to do business in said locality that authorizes the business to provide the goods, services, or construction to be purchased, and a physical business address located within the limits of said locality, in an area zoned for the conduct of such business, from which the vendor <u>operates or performs business on a day-to-day basis. Has a minimum of two FTEs working in the established office for the three year period.</u> Post office boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address. In order to be eligible for local preference, the vendor must provide a copy of the occupational license, <u>tax receipts and employee employment verification. The professional services, Alachua county businesses that meet the above criteria will be considered local. See Section 2-622 modifications for preference criteria.</u></p>
<p>Section 2-622</p> <p>In the case of requests for proposals, letters of interest, best evaluated bids, qualifications or other solicitations and competitive negotiation and selection in which objective factors are used to evaluate the responses, Local Businesses are assigned five(5) percent of the total points of the total evaluation points.</p>	<p><u>I did not see this in the selection process? Anyone else?</u></p> <p>Recommend 5 percent for business in the City of Gainesville and 3 percent for businesses in Alachua County</p>
<p>Section 2-623</p> <p>2. Contracts for professional services procurement of which is subject to the <u>Consultants' competitive Negotiation Act (F.S. 287.055)</u> or subject to any competitive consultant selection Policy or Procedure adopted or utilized by the City Commission or Charter Officer.</p>	<p>Consultants' competitive Negotiation Act (F.S. 287.055) is for designers and does not apply to CM selections. Therefore 5% of the total points should go to local vendors. Was the fire station selection process flawed?</p> <p>Does FS 287.055 need to apply to the City of Gainesville's policy</p>
	<p>We would recommend a policy that allows the City Commission, by majority vote, to select a short listed local vendor, as defined above, in lieu of a higher ranked non-local vendor.</p>