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**Subject: LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**

**No. 70.2**

**Date: February 24, 1993**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy for establishing local preference of vendors.

**SCOPE:**

Applies to all business procurements.

**POLICY:**

The City of Kalamazoo recognizes that the economic well-being of the City is directly related to the well-being of local businesses; and desires to do business with local vendors when it does not harm competition no equal treatment of vendors.

The City of Kalamazoo encourages participation by all local businesses in the City's procurement process whether it be soliciting proposals, awarding contracts or developing business opportunities. Local business will receive "open door" treatment from the Purchasing Division for being placed on the bidders list and making inquiries regarding current purchasing projects.

City contractors shall be encouraged to hire local labor to fulfill its contractual obligations to the City. However, Contactors shall not violate fair employment practices nor shall vendors receive unequal award preference in meeting the intent of this resolution.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 24, 1992

**SEE ALSO:**

Resolution No. 92-24

**HISTORY:**