

ORDINANCE NO: 584

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Third Reading: July 13, 2020

TO AMEND THE PICKENS COUNTY PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY FROM 3% TO 5% TO INCREASE THE PREFERENCE FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, the purchasing policy of the county, as authorized and enacted by the provisions of Ordinance #422, provide for a local preference purchasing policy in the amount of three per cent (3%) in favor of local businesses (as defined therein); and

WHEREAS, and the closures of businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic have negatively impacted our local businesses in Pickens County; and

WHEREAS, the Pickens County Council is desirous to extend additional support to local businesses as they recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic, and such additional support is hereby found to be in the best interest of the welfare and good order within the county;

NOW THEREFORE, Section 2-268 of the Pickens County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:


Sec. 2-268. - In county local preferred purchasing policy.

A business that is determined to be local (see definitions) is eligible for a ~~three~~ FIVE-percent preferred allowance on all bids up to \$500,000.00. The ~~three~~ FIVE-percent preferred policy shall apply and be calculated to the lowest bid. In the event of more than one local bidder, the lowest in county bid will apply.

The three-percent preferred purchasing policy will only apply to each local business once per fiscal year July 1 through June 30.

Provided, however, that the 5% preferred policy will revert to 3% after June 30, 2023.

APPROVED UPON THIRD READING THIS 13 day of July, 2020



Roy Costner, Chairman
Pickens County Council

Attest:



Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council