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**PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 09-15 LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE; FLORIDA, TITLE II ADMINISTRATION; CHAPTER 2-7 FINANCE; ADDING SECTION 2-7-50; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCES FOR CERTAIN PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Request**

Approval of the first reading of an ordinance establishing a local vendor preference procedure for the City's procurement processes.

**Explanation**

This is a request to approve the first reading of an ordinance providing for local vendor preference for Osceola County businesses. As the Commission is aware, there has been a push by local vendors from Osceola County to convince local governments to award projects to local vendors as opposed to outside vendors. Both the County and St. Cloud have adopted ordinances in favor of this concept.

The attached ordinance is staff's recommendation for a local vendor process, which generally follows the St. Cloud ordinance. It provides that if the local vendor is the next lowest responsible bidder when compared to the non local vendor lowest bid, then the Osceola County vendor has three days to match that lowest price. There is a sliding scale depending on the value of work to be used to determine if the local vendor preference can be used. The maximum is 6% down to 2.75% from the lowest bid.

To qualify for local vendor preference, an Osceola County vendor must apply and show proof that they meet the criteria as a local vendor. There are four requirements to be a local vendor, (i.e., have headquarters in Osceola County, 30% of employees from Osceola County, business owner residence in Osceola County; or 60% of subcontractors are local subcontractors). If one of these is met then they qualify as a local bidder.

This ordinance provides local vendor preference without impacting the overall cost to the city. It also reserves the right of the City to choose the most qualified vendor regardless of preference.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval.

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