

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE,  
DIVISION 11, SECTION 2-285, LOCAL PREFERENCE OPTION**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council passed Ordinance Number 1519, incorporating a Local Preference component into the Charleston County Procurement Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Local Preference Option was established to provide Charleston County businesses with the opportunity to match the bid price submitted by a non-local bidder, provided the local bidder's price is within 5% or \$10,000, whichever is less, of the lowest bid received; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council desires to eliminate the phrase "whichever is less" from the Local Preference Option component; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by Charleston County Council, in meetings duly assembled, as follows:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED**

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION II. SECTION 2-285 LOCAL PREFERENCE OPTION IN  
PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

This option allows the lowest local Bidder (defined as a Bidder whose Business is physically located and operating within the limits of Charleston County) who is within 5% or \$10,000 of the lowest non-local Bidder, to match the bid submitted by the non-local Bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. This preference shall apply only when (a) the total dollar purchase is \$10,000 or more; (b) the vendor has a valid Charleston County business license or valid business license issued by one of the municipalities within Charleston County, which was issued at least twelve (12) months prior to bid opening date; (c) the vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the limits of Charleston County and has been doing business in the County for a period of twelve (12) months or more; and (d) the vendor provides proof of payment of all applicable Charleston County taxes and fees.

**SECTION III. SEVERABILITY**

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in

full force and effect.

#### SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading.