

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Texas law recognizes the importance of preferring local vendors in public procurements as an appropriate method of encouraging local economic growth, and sections of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code allow for a municipality to use its discretion in awarding contracts for certain categories of purchases to local vendors who are not the lowest bidder in a procurement but are within certain percentages of the lowest bid (this statutory preference of local vendors hereafter “Local Vendor Preference”).

**WHEREAS**, the application of a Local Vendor Preference benefits the local economy directly by facilitating the award of contracts to local businesses;

**WHEREAS**, awarding contracts to local vendors can result in inter-industry purchasing of materials, supplies, goods, and services by the vendor from other local vendors, thereby multiplying the positive local economic impact of the award;

**WHEREAS**, the City’s process for the award of contracts to local vendors can be made more efficient by authorizing the City Manager to base Recommendations for Council Action for the award of procurement contracts on the application of Local Vendor Preferences; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council of the City of Austin recognizes the important contribution of local businesses to the local economy and supports the use of Local Vendor Preferences whenever it results in the award of a contract to a local vendor that will provide the best value to the City, and whenever the local vendor offers the City the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the City created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the City and increased tax revenues.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is hereby authorized and encouraged to base Recommendations for Council Action for the award of procurement contracts on the application of Local Vendor Preferences when the City Manager deems that the use of a Local Vendor Preference is appropriate.

**ADOPTED:** August 7, 2014 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk