



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** Consideration of Allowing for Local Preference in Purchasing

**Background:** The City Council adopted the current purchasing policy in 2020. Over the course of the past year especially with supply chain and other purchasing issues due to the pandemic, the staff is requesting the Council to change the current purchasing policy to allow for a local preference consideration. Giving preference to local suppliers and contractors, even if it means spending a little more, can actually benefit the City. When local governments spend their money with locally owned firms, those firms in turn rely on and generate local supply chains, creating an “economic multiplier” effect. Each additional dollar that circulates locally boosts local economic activity and employment. Local preference has the advantage of employing local residents and businesses which can reduce local unemployment and provide steady work. Many municipalities offer a 5% preference to local businesses.

**Staff Recommendation:** Allow for a local preference consideration in purchasing.

**Suggested Motion:** I move we change the City Purchasing Policy to allow for a 5% local preference for businesses that are within the City of Belle Isle.

**Alternatives:** Do not allow for a local preference

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Attachments:** Draft Policy Change