



WATER / WASTEWATER FACILITIES

City of Kingsport, Tennessee

Memo

To: Chris McCartt, City Manager
From: Niki Ensor, Utilities Director
Date: February 16, 2026
Re: ABBA Pumps-

ABBA Pump Parts & Service is the only authorized and recognized representative and supplier for ABBA pumps and associated parts used by the Wastewater Lift Stations Maintenance Division.

ABBA pumps are currently installed at three of the Division's largest sewer lift stations – Kendrick's Creek, Moreland Drive and Riverport Rd. These stations serve critical areas of the wastewater collection system and must maintain reliable, uninterrupted service.

Procuring pumps from an alternative manufacturer is not in the best interest of the City for the following reasons:

- System Compatibility - Installing a different manufacturer's pump would require significant modifications to existing piping and mounting systems and in some instances not possible.
- Increased Costs - Required system modifications would result in additional fabrication and installation expenses.
- Operational Risk and Downtime - Modifications would extend installation time and delay returning the pump stations to full operational capacity. Extended downtime increases the risk of sanitary sewer overflows, regulatory violations, and service disruptions.
- Standardization and Maintenance Efficiency - The Division maintains make every effort to standardized equipment and spare parts inventory. Introducing a different manufacturer would increase inventory requirements and long-term maintenance complexity.

City Code Section 2-599 permits the City Manager to enter into a one-source contract when it is determined to be in the best interest of the City of Kingsport.

If you are in agreement with this recommendation your signature of approval is needed for file documentation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Chris McCartt
2/24/26