



**LAKE COUNTY CODE**  
**CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION**  
**ARTICLE VII. - CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT**  
**DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY**

**Section 2-221. – PURPOSE**

The county procurement process shall provide for equal access and opportunity, in an open and competitive market environment, to all vendors without regard to factors unrelated to the quality, cost, and availability of goods and services, or previous vendor performance. Each procurement action is to be completed in accordance with the best interests of the county, and with the highest level of integrity and fairness to all involved throughout the acquisition cycle. Additional policies and procedures to implement this purpose may be enacted by the board of county commissioners and/or the county manager.

(Ord. No. 2012-17, § 2, 3-27-12)

**Section 2-222. – LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE**

- (a) Lake County shall impose a reciprocal match local vendor preference practice to ensure an equal procurement environment for all potential vendors. Under the reciprocal match local vendor preference practice, if the lowest price under a bid is received from a vendor that is classified as a local vendor by a county that maintains a local vendor preference program that discriminates against a Lake County vendor as defined below, then that county's preference percentage threshold will be applied to the lowest priced Lake County local vendor. If such application causes the Lake County vendor to be eligible for award, the Lake County vendor may secure the award by matching the out-of-county vendor's original pricing.
- (b) For purposes of this section, a “Lake County local vendor” is a local vendor whose business has as its primary, or a significant, physical location in Lake County at which employees are located and business is regularly transacted.

(Ord. No. 2012-17, § 3, 3-27-12)

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