



LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY

1.1 STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Village of Three Oaks wishes to recognize the importance of supporting businesses located within the Village limits of the Village of Three Oaks and within Berrien County. The Village wishes to establish a local preference policy for local businesses that currently operate within the Village limits and Berrien County and to encourage others to open businesses within the Village limits and Berrien County.

In addition, the Village of Three Oaks recognizes that dollars spent locally generates additional economic activity, and each tax dollar spent locally retains and circulates more money in the local businesses and local economics.

This policy can be amended to include other communities as “local,” if neighboring communities adopt a reciprocity policy naming the Village of Three Oaks as “local.”

The Village of Three Oaks will make every effort to support the local preference policy if there is a service or business located within the Village limits.

1.2 GUIDELINES

The Village of Three Oaks will use the following guidelines to utilize the local preference policy:

1. The vendor / business must have a legal and permanent business address within Berrien County.
2. The vendor / business will be a personal property and real property taxpayer in the Village of Three Oaks or Berrien County.
3. The vendor / business will be in compliance with all Village Codes and Ordinances if applicable.
4. The vendor / business shall not be indebted or in default to the Village of Three Oaks.
5. Certain federal, state, and private granting agencies prohibit use of such policies.
6. The local preference is limited to a maximum of \$10,000.
7. The Village of Three Oaks will give a sliding scale purchasing preference with the following guide:

Price Range	County Business Advantage	Village Business Advantage
\$0 - \$3,500	8.00%	10.00%
\$3,501 - \$7,000	6.00%	8.00%
\$7,001 - \$10,000	4.00%	6.00%

The Village of Three Oaks shall have the power to reject any or all bids, and to accept any proposal it considers to be in the best interest of the Village.

1.3 LOCAL PREFERENCE TAX ABATEMENT POLICY

The Village of Three Oaks is committed to stimulating and improving the local economy through various strategies including promotion of high quality developments in the Village. The Village of Three Oaks will review all requests on a case by case basis and is under no obligation to approve any request.

1.4 TAX ABATEMENT OBJECTIVES

- Increase the Village tax base.
- Provide employment opportunities within the Village of Three Oaks.
- Promote sustainable development.
- Projects that do not create an undue burden on city services.
- Create spinoff business or stimulus to other existing businesses.
- Encourage developers to use local trades and businesses.

Abatement applications will be asked to explain in their application the steps being taken to meet the above Tax Abatement Objectives.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet all the Tax Abatement Objectives.

***Preference will be given to businesses located within the corporate Village limits over all others.**

***Certain granting agencies do not recognize local preference policy; grant agency rules supersede this policy.**

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