

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-14

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-13-14
REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015 SESSION OF THE
ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, by the passage of Resolution No. R-13-14, the Fort Smith Board of Directors adopted priorities for the 2015 session of the Arkansas General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now desires to add an additional priority for the 2015 session of the Arkansas General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas that:

The City of Fort Smith's legislative priorities for the 2015 session of the Arkansas General Assembly adopted by Resolution No. R-13-14 are hereby amended to include the following:

Preference in Bidding

State law currently provides a 5% bidding preference for in-state bidders for public works projects. Municipalities should have the option of adopting an ordinance that would provide a preference of up to 5% (exact amount to be determined by the municipality) for bidders with a place of business located within the corporate limits of the municipality. The preference should apply to public works projects and to bids for commodities, materials, equipment, and services. It may be desirable to place a dollar cap on the amount of the preference, such as \$100,000 (e.g., the 5% preference would be capped at \$100,000 regardless of the bid amount, and the cap could be lower by local ordinance). An exception would need to be made for the expenditure of federal or state funds where such a bidding preference isn't permitted. This preference would increase the likelihood of local public funds remaining within the local economy and benefitting the citizens who pay the local taxes and fees.

The City Administrator shall forward this resolution to the Arkansas Municipal League.

This Resolution passed this 18th day of March, 2014.



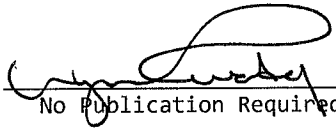
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



No Publication Required