



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

#### **LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 designates Cook County as a Home Rule Unit of Government; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County may exercise powers and perform functions as they relate to government, including the authority to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and including the power to tax; and

**WHEREAS**, when the revenue generated by Cook County taxes are used in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code, the funds are best used when they are put back into the Cook County economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County businesses are a driving force for employment and economic development in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, spending public dollars with Cook County businesses serves the sound policy of increasing employment, fostering economic development and strengthening the economy of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the preference given to Cook County businesses helps to further these policy goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is empowered to make necessary changes to the Procurement Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 34 - Finance, Article IV - Procurement Code, Division 6 - Bid Incentives and Preferences, Section 34-230 of the Cook County Code be amended as follows:

Sec. 34-230. - Local business preference; all contracts.

The CPO shall recommend award of the Procurement to the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder which is a Local Business, so long as the Bid of such Bidder does not exceed the Bid of the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder by more than ~~five percent~~ ten percent; or if the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder receives Earned Credit under Secs. 34-234, 34-236, 34-237, or 34-239 the Bid of such Bidder does not exceed the Credited Bid by more than seven and one-half percent.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.