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**ORDINANCE NO: 08-01
Liberty County, Florida**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIBERTY COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY ESTABLISHED ORDINANCE 06-01 BY PROVIDING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) LOCAL BIDDERS PREFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREIN.

WHEREAS, Liberty County established a local bidders preference in Ordinance 06-01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to increase the local bidders preference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners expressly finds that as a matter of fact in policy, that the providing of a preference for local bidders will enhance local employment, increase the tax base, and generally enhance the economy of Liberty County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida, Section 4 and Section 5 of Ordinance 06-01 is amended as follows:

4. A responsive bid by a responsible resident bidder may, in the sole discretion of the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners, be given a preference over the lowest responsive bid submitted by a non-resident responsible bidder in the amount of five percent (5%).

A resident shall mean an individual or corporation whose primary residence or place of business is within Liberty County, Florida, a partnership whose principals are all residents of Liberty County, Florida, or another business entity whose primary and principal place of business is within Liberty County, Florida, at which maintains a full time business office open to the public within Liberty County, Florida.

This local bidder's preference will be subject to any limitations provided for in a grant and/or state or federal laws. The Board expressly reserves the right to award any bid which would be in the best interest of the county.

5. This Ordinance incorporates and adopts all other provisions contained in the Liberty County Purchasing Policy and in Ordinance 06-01, except for the amendments stated above. All prior ordinances or portions of ordinances which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance,

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shall be deemed to have been repealed and are repealed to the extent of such conflict, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this ordinance is held, for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners on this 5th day of August, 2008.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**DEXTER BARBER
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:



**ROBERT HILL
CLERK OF COURT**