

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 3.04 BY ADDING  
SECTION 3.04.215, "LOCAL BUSINESS  
PREFERENCE POLICY," TO THE MERCED  
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES ORDAIN  
AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. ADDITION TO CODE.** Section 3.04.215, "Local Preference Policy," is hereby added to the Merced Municipal Code to read as follows:

**"3.04.215 Local Business Preference Policy.**

The Council may, by resolution, adopt a local business preference policy which otherwise complies with the regulations of this chapter."

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.** The City Clerk is directed to cause a summary of this Ordinance to be published in the official newspaper at least once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption showing the vote thereon.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following called vote:

**AYES:**                      **Council Members:**

**NOES:**                      **Council Members:**

**ABSTAIN:**                      **Council Members:**

**ABSENT:**                      **Council Members:**

**APPROVED:**

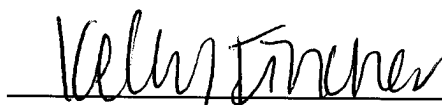
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Assistant/Deputy City Clerk**

**(SEAL)**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

      1/25/18  
**City Attorney**                      **Date**