

Policy Type:	Finance Policy
Policy No:	205
Title:	Local Purchase Policy
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**SUBJECT: LOCAL PURCHASE POLICY**

I. OBJECTIVE: To establish policy concerning purchases by SMPA of non-electric goods and services from vendors whose businesses are located within the boundaries of SMPA’s service territory (“Local Businesses”).

II. POLICY:

- A. SMPA shall make purchases of goods and services from Local Businesses in accordance with this policy. The Board of Directors of SMPA is aware that most Local Businesses are consumer/owners of SMPA.
- B. The Board is aware that promotion of a healthy economy through participation in the financial well-being of the communities served by SMPA is of great importance. It is also understood that availability, cost, quality, prior experience with the Local Business and convenience (“Factors”) shall be considered before making purchases.
- C. Therefore, it shall be the policy of SMPA to make purchases of non-electric goods and services from Local Businesses, taking into consideration the Factors. The determination of whether a vendor qualifies as a Local Business and whether the Factors favor or disfavor the Local Business shall be made in SMPA’s sole discretion.

III. RESPONSIBILITY: It shall be the responsibility of the General Manager/CEO to see that this policy is implemented and followed.