

**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT STAFF CONSIDER PURCHASING VEHICLES WITH FLEXIBLE FUEL CAPABILITIES WHEN PURCHASING OFF OF A STATE CONTRACT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has the need to purchase vehicles for use by City employees in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the auto industry has started producing vehicles that have flexible fuel capabilities; and

WHEREAS, flexible fuel vehicles are capable of burning both regular gasoline or what is known as E-85 gasoline; and

WHEREAS, E-85 gasoline is a mixture of ethanol and regular gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota is a major producer of ethanol based fuel; and

WHEREAS, ethanol based fuel decreases dependence on imported oil; and

WHEREAS, ethanol based fuels burn cleaner than regular gasoline; and

WHEREAS, fewer exhaust emissions results in reduced production of smog and better air quality; and

WHEREAS, if the City begins purchasing flexible fuel vehicles it may encourage more suppliers to carry E-85 gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of Rapid City deems it to be in the City's best interests to promote the use of ethanol based fuels by requiring that staff consider purchasing flexible fuel vehicles when they are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that when a City department is seeking authority to purchase a vehicle based on a state contract price, the department should determine if there is an equivalent vehicle available that would meet the department's specifications which has the capability to run on E-85 gasoline. If there is an equivalent flexible fuel vehicle available that meets the department's needs, which can also be purchased without competitive bidding through a state contract price, the department will include in its request for authorization to purchase the vehicle, both the lowest priced regular fuel vehicle and the lowest priced flexible fuel vehicle. The City Council will then determine which vehicle will be purchased.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer

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