

**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT STAFF CONSIDER PURCHASING
VEHICLES WITH FLEXIBLE FUEL CAPABILITIES WHEN REQUESTING
BIDS.**

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 the City adopts the following policy to encourage the use of flexible fuel vehicles by the City's departments:

1. When a City department is seeking to purchase a vehicle, the department responsible for preparing the bid documents, will be required to inquire if there are flexible fuel vehicles available that will meet the department's specifications. If there is a flexible fuel vehicle available that will meet the department's specifications the department shall make two separate requests for bids. One bid request will be for a vehicle that meets the department's specifications and runs only on regular fuel. The other bid will include as a specification that the vehicle be a flexible fuel vehicle. A vehicle is a flexible fuel vehicle if it is capable of running on E-85 gasoline.

2. The department will then present to the City Council the lowest bid received for both the regular fuel vehicle and the flexible fuel vehicle.
3. The City Council will be responsible to make the final decision on whether or not to purchase the regular fuel vehicle or the flexible fuel vehicle.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

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