

## Section 118-12

~~For the purpose of this article, "Town-based business" means a business with a principal place of business located within the Town. A business shall not be considered a Town-based business unless satisfactory evidence has been produced to the Town Manager whereby the business establishes that it owns real property which has its principal place of business and pays taxes on real and personal property to the Town of Southington. Such evidence may include proof of ownership of real estate by copy of deed and copies of paid tax bills for real and personal property. The personal property shall be used for the business in the performance of the bid.~~

A business shall not be considered a "town-based business" unless evidence to establish that said business has a bona fide principal place of business in Southington and such evidence is included with each bid submitted by said business. Such evidence shall include satisfactory proof of ownership of or a long-term lease (longer than one year) of the real estate at which the principal place of business is operated. A "town-based business" shall be required to maintain such status throughout the term of any contract with the Town of Southington and failure to maintain such status shall be grounds for the Town to terminate said contract at its sole option. A business shall not be considered to be a "town-based business" if at the time of the bid award the business is delinquent in the payment of any real estate taxes, personal property taxes or water and/or sewer charges or if it does not have a current personal property declaration on file with the Southington Assessor.