

The City of Louisville Investment Policy

It is the policy of the City of Louisville (the "City") to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the entity and conforming to all Colorado Revised Statutes, the City of Louisville Charter, and the City of Louisville Municipal Code.

Scope

The provisions of this investment policy shall apply to all funds held in the custody of the City and all of its offices. Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, the City shall consolidate, or "pool", cash and investment balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regards to investment pricing, safekeeping, and administration. The investment income derived from the pooled cash and investment accounts shall be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Objectives

In order of priority, the primary objectives of investment activities shall be safety, liquidity, and yield:

- *Safety.* Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio through the mitigation of credit risk and interest rate risk.
- *Liquidity.* The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This shall be accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio shall consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets. In addition, a portion of the portfolio may be placed in local government investment pools (LGIPs) which offer same-day, constant dollar liquidity for short-term funds.
- *Yield.* The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. Securities generally shall be held to maturity with the following exceptions:
 - A security with a declining credit may be sold early to minimize loss of principal.
 - A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration of the portfolio.
 - Liquidity needs of the portfolio require the security to be sold.

Delegation of Authority

The Finance Director shall be the designated investment officer of the City and shall be responsible for all investment decisions and activities, under the direction of the City Manager. The Finance Director shall establish investment policy procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this policy. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. No person may

engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Finance Director.

The Finance Director may delegate the authority to conduct investment transactions and manage the operation of the investment portfolio to one or more subordinates and/or an external registered investment advisor who shall act in accordance with established procedures on internal controls and in compliance with this investment policy.

Legal Investments

All investments shall be made in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) as follows: CRS 11-10.5-101, et seq., Public Deposit Protection Act; CRS 24-75-601, et seq., Funds - Legal Investments for Government Units; CRS 24-75-603, et seq., Depositories; CRS 24-75-701 and 702, et seq., Local Governments - Local Government Pooling and that the investment or deposit meets the standard established in section CRS 15-1-304. Any revisions or extensions of these sections of the CRS will be assumed to be part of this Investment Policy immediately upon enactment.

To the extent possible, the City shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, the City will not directly invest in securities maturing more than five (5) years from the settlement date or in accordance with state and local statutes and ordinance. Pursuant to CRS Section 24-75-601.1(1), as amended from time to time, and subject to the limitations set forth therein, the securities listed herein shall be eligible for investment of public funds by the City. In the event of a conflict between CRS 24-75-601.1(1) and this policy, other than this policy being more restrictive than CRS 24-75-601(1), CRS 24-75-601.1(1) shall control. Nothing herein shall preclude the City from adopting a policy to permit securities other than those listed in CRS 24-75-601.1(1) for investment of public funds.

CRS 24-75-601(1) and this policy authorize the following investments:

- Any security issued by, fully guaranteed by, or for which the full credit of the United States Treasury is pledged for payment; allowing for inflation indexed securities. The period from the date of settlement of this type of security to the maturity date shall be no more than five years, unless the City Council authorizes investment for a period in excess of five years.
- Any security issued by, fully guaranteed by, or for which the full credit of the following is pledged for payment: The Federal Farm Credit Bank, A Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, The Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, or an entity or organization that is not listed in this paragraph but that is created by, or the creation of which is authorized by, legislation enacted by the United States Congress and that is subject to control by the federal government that is at least as extensive as that which governs an entity or organization listed in this paragraph. The period from the date of settlement of this type of security to its maturity date shall be no more than three years. Any entity or organization listed in this paragraph may represent up to but not more than 35% of the investment portfolio. The total of the above mentioned entities or organizations and inclusive of corporate or bank securities cannot represent more than 95% of the investment portfolio.
- Any security that is a general or revenue obligation of any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any territorial possession of the United States or of any political subdivision, institution, department, agency, instrumentality, or authority of any of such

governmental entities. The period from the date of settlement of this type of security to the maturity date shall be no more than three years.

- Any interest in a local government investment pool pursuant to CRS 24-75-701, et seq.
- Any guaranteed investment contract (GIC) if at the time the contract or agreement is entered into, the long-term credit rating, financial obligations rating, claims paying ability rating, or financial strength rating of the party, or of the guarantor of the party, with whom the public entity enters the contract or agreement is, at the time of issuance, rated in one of the two highest rating categories by two or more nationally recognized securities rating agencies that regularly issue such ratings. Contracts or agreements purchased under this paragraph shall not have a maturity period greater than three years.
- Any dollar-denominated corporate or bank security issued by a corporation or bank that has a maturity of less than three years from the date of settlement and, at the time of purchase, must carry at least two credit ratings from any of the nationally recognized credit rating agencies and must not be rated below "AA- or Aa3" by any credit rating agency. The aggregate value of all securities referred to in this paragraph shall equal no more than 25% of the total portfolio.
- Money market instruments, such as commercial paper or bankers' acceptance, must carry at least two credit ratings from any of the nationally recognized credit rating agencies and must not be rated below "A1, P1, or F1" by any credit rating agency.
- Any money market fund that is registered as an investment company under the federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended, at the time the investing public entity invests in such fund. The money market fund must: 1) have no commission fee on the charged on purchases or sales of shares; 2) have a constant daily net asset value per share of \$1.00; 3) limit assets of the fund to U.S. Treasury Securities; 4) have a maximum stated maturity and weighted average maturity in accordance with Federal Securities Regulation 270-2A-7; and 5) have a rating at the time of purchase of at least AAAM by Standard & Poor's or Aaa/MRI+ Moody's
- The purchase of any repurchase agreement of marketable securities referred to in the preceding paragraphs. A Master Repurchase Agreement must be executed with the bank or dealer. The securities must be delivered to the City's custodian or to a third-party custodian or third-party trustee for safekeeping on behalf of the City. The title to or a perfected security interest in such securities along with any necessary transfer documents must be transferred to the City or the City's custodian. The collateral securities of the repurchase agreement must be collateralized at no less than one hundred two percent and marked to market no less frequently than weekly. Collateralization is required per the Public Deposit Protection Act, CRS 11-10.5-101 et seq. The securities subject to the repurchase agreement may have a maturity in excess of five years. The repurchase agreement itself may not have a maturity of more than five years from the date of settlement unless the City Council authorizes investment for a period in excess of five years.
- Certificates of deposit in state or national banks or in state or federally chartered savings banks, which are state-approved depositories per CRS Section 24-75-603, et seq. (as evidenced by a certificate issued by the State Banking Board) and are insured by the FDIC. Certificates of deposit, which exceed the FDIC insured amount, shall be collateralized in

accordance with the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act. Certificates of deposit must comply with CRS Section 30-10-708 (1). The aggregate value of all certificates of deposit shall equal no more than 25% of the total portfolio.

Standards of Care and Performance

The “reasonable prudence” standard shall be used by investment officials in the context of managing an overall portfolio. The “reasonable prudence” standard provides that investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of the capital.

Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

In addition, officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the City Manager any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the City.

Authorized Financial Institutions, Depositories, and Broker-Dealers

The Finance Department shall maintain a list of financial institutions and depositories authorized by the City to provide investment services for the City from those eligible public depositories, as designated by the Banking Board. In addition, the Finance Department shall maintain a list of approved security broker/dealers that may include “primary” dealers or regional dealers qualifying under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule). To qualify for consideration for investment transactions with the City, all financial institutions and broker-dealers must supply the following, as appropriate:

- Proof of state registration (except for those firms providing safekeeping and custodial services only).
- Audited financial statements demonstrating compliance with state and federal capital adequacy guidelines.
- Proof of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) certification.
- Evidence of adequate insurance coverage.
- Certification of having read and understood and agreeing to comply with the City’s investment policy.

An annual review of the financial condition and registration of all qualified financial institutions and broker/dealers will be conducted by the Finance Director.

Safekeeping and Custody

All trades of marketable securities will be executed “delivery versus payment” (where applicable) to ensure that securities are deposited in an eligible financial institution prior to the release of funds.

Securities will be held by an independent third-party custodian selected by the City and evidenced by safekeeping receipts in the City's name. The safekeeping institution shall provide on an annual basis a copy of its most recent report on internal controls (Statement of Standards 70).

Moreover, management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the City are protected from loss, theft, or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management. The internal controls structure should address the following points:

- Control of collusion.
- Separation of transaction authority from accounting and recordkeeping.
- Custodial safekeeping.
- Avoidance of physical delivery securities.
- Written confirmation of transactions for investments and wire transfers.
- Dual authorization of wire transfers.

Compliance with these controls shall be reviewed and confirmed through the City's annual independent audit.

Performance Standards & Reporting

The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of obtaining a rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, commensurate with the investment risk constraints and the cash flow needs.

The City's investment strategy is passive. Given this strategy, the basis used by the Finance Director to determine whether market yields are being achieved shall be the ColoTrust local government investment pool, the one-year US Treasury Bill, and the two-year Agency Benchmark.

The Finance Director shall provide the Finance Committee monthly investment reports that provide the status and characteristics of the current investment portfolio. The investment report should include schedules on:

- Portfolio diversification.
- Maturity distribution.
- A listing of all securities held by authorized investment category.
- Par value, amortized book value, and market value for all securities held.
- Monthly activity – purchases, sales, calls, and interest received.

Investment Policy Adoption & Amendment

The City's Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council. The policy shall be reviewed annually by management and any modifications made thereto must also be approved by resolution of the City Council.

GLOSSARY

AGENCIES: Federal agency securities and/or Government-sponsored enterprises.

ASKED: The price at which securities are offered.

BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE (BA): A draft or bill of exchange accepted by a bank or trust company. The accepting institution guarantees payment of the bill, as well as the issuer.

BENCHMARK: A comparative base for measuring the performance or risk tolerance of the investment portfolio. A benchmark should represent a close correlation to the level of risk and the average duration of the portfolio's investments.

BID: The price offered by a buyer of securities.

BROKER: A broker brings buyers and sellers together for a commission.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD): A time deposit with a specific maturity evidenced by a Certificate. Large-denomination CD's are typically negotiable.

COLLATERAL: Securities, evidence of deposit or other property, which a borrower pledges to secure repayment of a loan. Also refers to securities pledged by a bank to secure deposits of public monies (see Public Deposit Protection Act; CRS 11-10.5-101 et seq.)

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR): The official financial statements for the City of Louisville. It includes an independent auditors' report, management's discussion and analysis, financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), footnote disclosures, supporting schedules, and a detailed Statistical Section.

COUPON: (a) The annual rate of interest that a bond's issuer promises to pay the bondholder on the bond's face value. (b) A certificate attached to a bond evidencing interest due on a payment date.

DEALER: A dealer, as opposed to a broker, acts as a principal in all transactions, buying and selling for his own account.

DEBENTURE: A bond secured only by the general credit of the issuer.

DELIVERY VERSUS PAYMENT (DVP): There are two methods of delivery of securities: delivery versus payment and delivery versus receipt. Delivery versus payment is delivery of securities with an exchange of money for the securities. Delivery versus receipt is delivery of securities with an exchange of a signed receipt for the securities.

DERIVATIVES: (1) Financial instruments whose return profile is linked to, or derived from, the movement of one or more underlying indexes or securities, and may include a leveraging factor, or (2) financial contracts based upon notional amounts whose value is derived from an underlying index or security (interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equities or commodities).

DISCOUNT: The difference between the cost price of a security and its maturity when quoted at lower than face value. A security selling below original offering price shortly after sale also is considered to be at a discount.

DISCOUNT SECURITIES: Non-interest bearing money market instruments that are issued at a discount and redeemed at maturity for full face value (e.g., U.S. Treasury Bills).

DIVERSIFICATION: Dividing investment funds among a variety of securities offering independent returns.

FEDERAL CREDIT AGENCIES: Agencies of the Federal government set up to supply credit to various classes of institutions and individuals – S&L's, small business firms, students, farmers, farm cooperatives, and exporters.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC): A federal agency that insures bank deposits, currently up to \$250,000 per deposit.

FEDERAL FUNDS RATE: The rate of interest at which Federal Funds are traded. This rate is currently set by the Federal Reserve through open-market operations.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS (FHLB): Government sponsored wholesale banks (currently 12 regional banks), which lend funds and provide correspondent banking services to member commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and insurance companies. The mission of the FHLB's is to liquefy the housing related assets of its members who must purchase stock in their district bank.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FNMA): FNMA, like GNMA, was chartered under the Federal National Mortgage Association Act in 1938. FNMA is a federal corporation working under the auspices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is the largest single provider of residential mortgage funds in the United States. Fannie Mae, as the corporation is called, is a private stockholder-owned corporation. The corporation's purchases include a variety of adjustable mortgages and second loans, in addition to fixed-rate mortgages. FNMA's securities are also highly liquid and are widely accepted. FNMA assumes and guarantees that all security holders will receive timely payment of principal and interest.

FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE (FOMC): Consists of seven members of the Federal Reserve Board and five of the twelve Federal Reserve Bank Presidents. The President of the New York Federal Reserve Bank is a permanent member, while the other Presidents serve on a rotating basis. The Committee periodically meets to set Federal Reserve guidelines regarding purchases and sales of government securities in the open market as a means of influencing the volume of bank credit and money.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM: The central bank of the United States created by Congress and consisting of a seven member Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., 12 regional banks and about 5,700 commercial banks that are members of the system.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (GNMA or Ginnie Mae): Securities influencing the volume of bank credit guaranteed by GNMA and issued by mortgage bankers, commercial banks, savings and loan associations, and other institutions. Security holder is protected by full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Ginnie Mae securities are backed by

the FHA, VA or FmHA mortgages. The term “pass-throughs” is often used to describe Ginnie Maes.

LIQUIDITY: A liquid asset is one that can be converted easily and rapidly into cash without a substantial loss of value. In the money market, a security is said to be liquid if the spread between bid and asked prices is narrow and reasonable size can be done at those quotes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (LGIP): The aggregate of all funds from political subdivisions that are placed in the custody of the State Treasurer for investment and reinvestment.

MARKET VALUE: The price at which a security is trading and could presumably be purchased or sold.

MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT: A written contract covering all future transactions between the parties to repurchase—reverse repurchase agreements that establishes each party’s rights in the transactions. A master agreement will often specify, among other things, the right of the buyer-lender to liquidate the underlying securities in the event of default by the seller borrower.

MATURITY: The date upon which the principal or stated value of an investment becomes due and payable.

MONEY MARKET: The market in which short-term debt instruments (bills, commercial paper, bankers’ acceptances, etc.) are issued and traded.

OFFER: The price asked by a seller of securities. (When you are buying securities, you ask for an offer.) See Asked and Bid.

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS: Purchases and sales of government and certain other securities in the open market by the New York Federal Reserve Bank as directed by the FOMC in order to influence the volume of money and credit in the economy. Purchases inject reserves into the bank system and stimulate growth of money and credit; sales have the opposite effect. Open market operations are the Federal Reserve’s most important and most flexible monetary policy tool.

PORTFOLIO: Collection of securities held by an investor.

PRIMARY DEALER: A group of government securities dealers who submit daily reports of market activity and positions and monthly financial statements to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and are subject to its informal oversight. Primary dealers include Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)-registered securities broker-dealers, banks, and a few unregulated firms.

PRUDENT PERSON RULE: An investment standard. In some states the law requires that a fiduciary, such as a trustee, may invest money only in a list of securities selected by the custody state—the so-called legal list. In other states the trustee may invest in a security if it is one which would be bought by a prudent person of discretion and intelligence who is seeking a reasonable income and preservation of capital.

QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES: A financial institution which does not claim exemption from the payment of any sales or compensating use or ad valorem taxes under the laws of this state, which has segregated for the benefit of the commission eligible collateral having a value of not less than its maximum liability and which has been approved by the Public Deposit Protection Commission to hold public deposits.

RATE OF RETURN: The yield obtainable on a security based on its purchase price or its current market price.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (RP OR REPO): A holder of securities sells these securities to an investor with an agreement to repurchase them at a fixed price on a fixed date. The security “buyer” in effect lends the “seller” money for the period of the agreement, and the terms of the agreement are structured to compensate him for this. Dealers use RP extensively to finance their positions. Exception: When the Fed is said to be doing RP, it is lending money that is, increasing bank reserves.

SAFEKEEPING: A service to customers rendered by banks for a fee whereby securities and valuables of all types and descriptions are held in the bank’s vaults for protection.

SECONDARY MARKET: A market made for the purchase and sale of outstanding issues following the initial distribution.

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION: Agency created by Congress to protect investors in securities transactions by administering securities legislation.

SEC RULE 15C3-1: See Uniform Net Capital Rule.

STRUCTURED NOTES: Notes issued by Government Sponsored Enterprises (FHLB, FNMA, SLMA, etc.) and Corporations, which have imbedded options (e.g., call features, step-up coupons, floating rate coupons, derivative-based returns) into their debt structure. Their market performance is impacted by the fluctuation of interest rates, the volatility of the imbedded options and shifts in the shape of the yield curve.

TREASURY BILLS: A non-interest bearing discount security issued by the U.S. Treasury to finance the national debt. Most bills are issued to mature in three months, six months, or one year.

TREASURY BONDS: Long-term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities of more than 10 years.

TREASURY NOTES: Medium-term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities from two to 10 years.

UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE: Securities and Exchange Commission requirement that member firms as well as nonmember broker-dealers in securities maintain a maximum ratio of indebtedness to liquid capital of 15 to 1; also called net capital rule and net capital ratio. Indebtedness covers all money owed to a firm, including margin loans and commitments to purchase securities, one reason new public issues are spread among members of underwriting syndicates. Liquid capital includes cash and assets easily converted into cash.

YIELD: The rate of annual income return on an investment, expressed as a percentage. (a) INCOME YIELD is obtained by dividing the current dollar income by the current market price for the security. (b) NET YIELD or YIELD TO MATURITY is the current income yield minus any premium above par or plus any discount from par in purchase price, with the adjustment spread over the period from the date of purchase to the date of maturity of the bond.