

INVESTMENT AND CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

1.0 Scope

This policy applies to the cash management and investment activities of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, except for the debt service funds, reserve funds and other financial assets held by various fiscal agents and trustees as provided by the appropriate bond ordinance shall not be subject to this policy but shall be administered according to the requirements of the respective Ordinances. The financial assets of all other funds shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

2.0 Authority

Responsibility for the management of the City's investment portfolio is delegated to the Director of Finance by the City Manager. The Director of Finance hereby establishes written procedures and policies for the operation of the cash management and investment program. 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 Director of Finance who shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

3.0 Objectives

The cash investments of the City of Lawrence shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to maximize investment income while ensuring the preservation of capital in the portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required so that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio. The investment portfolio shall be designed to attain at a minimum, a market-average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the City's investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

4.0 Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent person", which states, "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived" and shall be applied in the context of managing the entire portfolio.

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Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures 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.

5.0 Legal Authority and Limitations on Investment Instruments

All investments purchased under this policy shall be governed by K.S.A. 12-1675, et. seq. and all revisions thereto, as may be made by the Kansas Legislature. Below is a summary of acceptable investments under the current law:

1. Collateralized Public Deposits (Negotiable Certificates of Deposit) -- Instruments issued by banks or savings & loans that state specified sums have been deposited for specified periods of time and at specified rates of interest. Certificates of deposit are required to be backed by acceptable collateral securities as dictated by Kansas Statutes.
2. Repurchases Agreements--Contractual agreements between the City and commercial banks, trust companies, state or federally chartered savings and loan associations of federally chartered savings banks. The repurchase agreement (repo) issuer received cash and, in turn, provides securities to the City as collateral for the cash. There exists a contractual agreement for the City to resell the securities back to the issuer on a specific future date, at the original purchase price, plus a negotiated interest payment.
3. U. S. Treasury bills or notes--These obligations must mature within six months from date of purchase and are guaranteed as to principal by the United States government.
4. Temporary notes of the City of Lawrence.
5. Commercial bank savings accounts.

Other types of investments may be added to this list as changes to the statutes governing such investments are revised.

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6.0 Contracts with Financial Institutions

The City of Lawrence may invest funds with depositories having offices located in the City of Lawrence as provided by K.S.A. 9-1401. All depositories of the City of Lawrence shall execute a contract bi-annually with the City of Lawrence which shall designate the requirements of serving as a depository for the City, including collateralization of City funds invested at such depository and the related safekeeping requirements of the pledged securities. The City shall have a separate contract with the “operating bank” which will execute a contract once every three years in accordance with the practice of bidding banking services every three years.

1. Safekeeping of Securities--Collateral for certificates of deposits and repurchase agreements will be registered in the City’s name. The Finance Director will hold all safekeeping receipts of pledged securities used as collateral for certificates of deposits and repurchase agreements. A third party institution will hold pledged securities in trust on behalf of the City’s financial institution.

Safekeeping receipts of pledged securities may be “Faxed” to the City in order to accommodate timely and legal investment transactions. The financial institution will mail the original safekeeping receipt of pledged securities on the day the facsimile is sent.

2. Collateralization--The City requires full collateralization of all City investments other than obligations of the United State government as stated in the State statute. The City will not allow the use of FDIC coverage as part of the calculation of full collateralization. Peak period agreements permitted under K.S.A. 9-1403 as amended, will not be accepted by the City and are not included as part of the depository contracts with the financial institutions.

The City will accept as collateral for certificates of deposit securities as listed in K.S.A. 9-1403. Collateral underlying repurchase agreements is limited to obligations of the U.S. government and its agencies.

The Finance Director will weekly monitor the adequacy of collateralization. The City requires monthly reports with market values of pledged securities from all financial institutions with which the City has certificates of deposits or repurchase agreements.

7.0 Investment Liquidity

The City’s demand for cash shall be projected using reliable cash forecasting techniques. To ensure liquidity, the appropriate maturity date and investment option available will be chosen.

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1. Repurchase agreements--The maximum maturity for repurchase agreements shall be 91 days. Repurchase agreements will normally be used when Certificates of Deposits for less than 91 days are not used, or when the rates offered on the repurchase agreements are greater than those offered on 91 day CDs.
2. General City Funds--The maximum maturity for City investments shall be one year. The Investment Review Committee will monitor the maturity level and recommend changes as appropriate.
3. Bond & Interest Fund--No investment shall have a maturity exceeding the next principal and /or interest payment date unless the obligation is fully funded.

8.0 Investment Return Objectives

Consistent with State law, the City shall seek to optimize return on investments within the constraints of this policy.

9.0 Bidding Procedures

Investment bids will be taken by the Director of Finance or person designated by the Director of Finance at times when investments of idle funds would be in the best interest of the City or as required by federal regulations regarding arbitrage rebate on bond proceeds. Such bids requests will be made orally and confirmed in writing with the investment instrument and related collateral being forwarded to the City no later than 24 hours after bids are taken.

10.0 Investment Limitation Per Institution

In order to protect the City from the failure of any one financial institution , the City shall not invest more than 30% of idle funds with any one institution. The 30% limitation does not apply to U.S. Treasury obligations held in safekeeping by an institution on behalf of the City. These obligations are backed by the U.S. Government and do not require collateral as described in section 6.0(2). The 30% limitation shall be determined prior to the bids. If an institution goes over the 30% limitation after the bids have been awarded, no further bids will be accepted from the financial institution until sufficient maturities have occurred to reduce their share of the portfolio to under 30%.

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11.0 Investment Review Committee

The City Manager shall appoint an investment review committee. The Committee shall consist of one person from the City Manager's Office, one person from the Finance Department not directly involved with the day to day investing of public funds, and the City Clerk. This Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review the investment reports from the Finance Department and to review earnings of idle funds. The Committee shall make a report to the City Manager within fourteen days after each meeting. Any irresponsible or illegal acts shall be reported immediately and confidentially to the City Manager.

12.0 Daily Cash Management Practices and Policies

It is the policy of the City of Lawrence Finance Department that all departments collecting cash receipts, whether in cash or other forms of payment, must turn in such receipts to the Finance Department on a daily basis together with records required to verify the accuracy of such collections. No receipts will be held overnight at any location for any reason. All receipts shall be deposited daily by the Department of Finance. Investment of any idle funds will be made in accordance with section 5.0 of this policy. Any violation of this section of this policy by any employee of the City may result in disciplinary action.

13.0 Separate Provisions of Policy and Conflicts with Kansas Laws

The above policies shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the City Commission. If, after adoption of this policy, there is any conflict of this policy with Kansas laws and/or statutes current law shall dictate.