

CITY OF PERRIS
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY
Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Investment Policy is to establish investment guidelines for the City Treasurer. Each transaction and the entire portfolio must comply with California Government Code Section 53600, et seq., and this policy.

The City Council of the City of Perris and its related authorities and agencies recognizes its responsibility to properly direct the investments of funds under its care. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the investment of funds based upon prudent cash management practices and in conformity with all applicable statutes. In instances in which the Policy is more restrictive than Federal or State law, the Policy supersedes.

II. SCOPE

This Investment Policy applies to all financial assets of the City of Perris as accounted for in the Annual Report. Funds specifically exempt from this policy include bond proceeds, employee deferred compensation plans, funds held in trust with the City with specific investments instructions, and any funds held in employee pension plans. Policy statements outlined in this document focus on the City of Perris' pooled funds, but will also apply to all other funds under the City Finance Treasurer's span of control unless specifically exempted by statute or ordinance.

The primary guiding investment policy for bond proceeds will be dictated by the bond documents governing such funds as long as the documents are approved by the City Council or related governing board. As a minimum standard for the investment of bond proceeds, the governing bond documents will have permitted investment language that follows guidelines used by one of the two largest bond insurers in the United States. Deviations from this guideline may be made with the expressed consent of the City Council.

Investments related to the City's Deferred Compensation Plans are managed by third party administrators and investments and mutual fund selection is directed by the individual Plan participants. Deferred Compensation Plans must be approved by the City Council.

III. PRUDENCE

The standard to be used by investment officials shall be that of a “prudent expert” and shall be applied in the context of managing all aspects of the overall portfolio. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law.

The City Treasurer and designees appointed to manage the investment portfolio, acting within the intent and scope of this investment policy and other written procedures, and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility and liability for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectation are reported in a timely manner and appropriation is taken to control adverse developments.

IV. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

All investments shall be prudently invested in order to earn a reasonable return, while awaiting application for governmental purposes. The specific objectives for all investments are ranked in order of importance.

- Safety – The preservation of principal is the primary objective. The City will undertake investments in a manner that ensures the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.
- Liquidity – As a second objective, the investment portfolio should remain sufficiently flexible to enable the City Treasurer to meet all operating requirements, which may be reasonably anticipated. To the extent possible, the maturity of investments selected will match the projected City’s cash requirements, including an amount to cover reasonably estimated contingencies.
- Public Trust – In managing the investment portfolio, the City Treasurer and authorized investment officials should avoid any transactions that might impair public confidence.
- Diversification - The investment portfolio will be diversified to avoid risk regarding specific security types or individual financial institutions.
- Reasonable Market Rate of Return – All investments should be designed to attain market average rate of return through budgetary and economic cycles, consistent with the average maturity of its portfolio and the credit quality of its securities.

The investment function will have additional goals of: assuring ongoing compliance with Federal, State and local laws governing the investment of funds kept by the City, maintaining reserves for long term projects and contingencies, and establishing quality standards and limits to type of investments made and with which institutions investments are placed with.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Under authority granted by the City Council, the City Treasurer is responsible to invest and reinvest all unexpended funds in the City treasury. Daily management responsibility of the investment program has been delegated to the City Treasurer, who shall establish procedures for the operation consistent with this investment policy.

The City Treasurer serves as the chief investment officer for the City and is authorized to invest or deposit the City's funds in accordance with this policy, California Government Code Sections 53600, et seq., and all other related Federal and State laws. In the absence of the City Treasurer, the City Manager or his/her designee will serve as the chief investment officer. The City Treasurer may appoint deputy treasurers to act on behalf of the City. The City Treasurer will provide written authorization in delegating any of his/her authority.

The City Manager's responsibility includes establishing, monitoring and maintaining a strong system of investment controls. The City Manager will provide periodic oversight to the investment function that includes but is not limited to reviewing quarterly investment reports issued by the City Treasurer.

The City Council's primary responsibilities over the investment function includes establishing investment policies, annually reviewing such policies, reviewing quarterly investment reports issued by the City Treasurer, authorizing bond documents and other unique financing transactions, and authorizing any deviations from the City's investment policies.

The City may, in its discretion, engage the services of one or more external investment managers to assist in the management of the City's investment portfolio in a manner consistent with the City's objectives. Such external managers may be granted discretion to purchase and sell investment securities in accordance with this Investment Policy. Such managers must be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

VI. ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

All officials, staff members and consultants involved in the investment functions will refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the execution of the investment function or which may impair their ability to make impartial investment

decisions. Officials, staff members, and consultants will disclose to the City Manager any financial interests with a financial institution, provider, dealer or broker that conducts business with the City. Officials, staff members and consultants will further disclose any personal financial positions that could be related to the performance of the City's portfolios.

All bond issue providers including but not limited to underwriters, bond counsel, financial advisors, brokers and dealers, will disclose any fee sharing arrangements or fee splitting to the City Manager prior to the execution of any transactions. The providers must disclose the percentage share and approximate dollar amount share to the City prior to the execution of any transactions.

Additionally, the City Treasurer is required to annually file appropriate financial disclosures as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

VII. INDEMNIFICATION OF INVESTMENT OFFICIALS

Any investment officer exercising his/her authority with due diligence and prudence, and in accordance with the City's Investment Policy, will not be held personally liable for any individual investment losses or for total portfolio losses.

VIII. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS

The City Treasurer shall maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by credit worthiness who are authorized to provide investment services in the State of California. These may include primary dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities & Exchange Commission rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule). No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws. All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the City Treasurer with the following: (e.g. audited financial statements, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification, trading resolution, proof of State registration, certification of having read the City's investment policy and depository contracts.

An annual review of the financial condition and registrations of qualified bidders will be conducted.

IX. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

The investing of City funds is governed by the California Government Code, Sections 53600 et seq. Within the context of the limitation, the following investments are authorized, as further limited herein:

1. United States Treasury Bills, Bonds, and Notes or those for which the full faith credit of the United States is pledged for payment of principal and interest.
2. Obligations issued by Government Sponsored Enterprises such as the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Federal Farm Credit Bank System (FFCBS), the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB), the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (FAMCA) and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Investments detailed in Item 3 and Item 4 are further restricted to a percentage of the cost value of the portfolio in any one-issuer name to a maximum of 5%. The total value invested in any one issuer shall not exceed 5% of the issuer's net worth.

3. Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by commercial banks, otherwise known as banker's acceptances. Banker's acceptances purchased may not exceed 180 days to maturity or 40% of the market value of the portfolio. No more than 30% may be invested in the banker's acceptances of any one commercial bank pursuant to this section. Issuer must have short term debt obligations rate "A-1" or higher by at least one NRSRO, or long term debt obligations which are rated "A" or higher by at least one NRSRO.
4. Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO) that is "A" or higher, or the equivalent, by an NRSRO, having assets in excess of \$500,000,000. Purchases of eligible commercial paper may not exceed 270 days to maturity nor represent more than 10% of the outstanding paper of the issuing corporation. Purchases of commercial paper may not exceed 25% of the market value of the portfolio. Entity must have debt other than commercial paper that is rated "A" or higher by at least one NRSRO, or has commercial paper rated "A-1" or higher by at least one NRSRO.
5. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit issued by nationally or state chartered banks or state or federal savings institutions. Purchases of negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed 30% of the total portfolio. A maturity limitation of five (5) years is applicable. Issuer must have short term debt obligations rate "A-1" or higher by at least one NRSRO, or long term debt obligations which are rated "A" or higher by at least one NRSRO.
6. Repurchase agreements, which specify terms and conditions, may be transacted with banks and broker dealers. The maturity of the repurchases agreements shall not exceed 92 days. The market value of the securities used as collateral for the repurchase agreements shall be monitored by the

investment staff and shall not be allowed to fall below 102% of the value of the repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements may not exceed 20% of the market value of the portfolio.

7. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), a State of California managed investment pool, may be used up to the maximum permitted by California State Law. No more than 80% of the portfolio shall be invested in LAIF.
8. Bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of the State of California or of any local agency within the State of California, or of the other 49 states, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the local agency, or by a department, board, agency or authority of the local agency. A maximum of 10% may be invested in municipal obligations and the maturity of these investments shall not exceed 5 years. In addition, the issuer itself must have a minimum credit rating of "A" or equivalent by a NRSRO.

The City Treasurer shall provide a table with each quarterly investment report that indicates compliance with the above noted percentage limit for each investment type.

X. PROHIBITED INVESTMENT VEHICLES AND PRACTICES

1. State law notwithstanding, any investments not specifically described herein are prohibited, including, but not limited to futures and options.
2. In accordance with Government Code, Section 53601.6, investment in inverse floaters, range notes, or mortgage derived interest-only strips is prohibited.
3. Investment in any security that could result in a zero interest accrual if held to maturity is prohibited.
4. Trading securities for the sole purpose of speculating on the future direction of interest rates is prohibited.
5. Purchasing or selling securities on margin is prohibited.
6. The use of reverse repurchase agreements, securities lending or any other form of borrowing or leverage is prohibited.
7. The purchase of foreign currency denominated securities is prohibited
8. Mutual funds with weighted average maturities greater than 91 days
9. Investment agreements
10. Guaranteed investment agreements
11. First mortgages or trust deeds
12. Range notes
13. Interest-only strips
14. Common stocks
15. Medium term corporate notes

XI. COLLATERALIZATION

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53652, depository institutions shall secure all active and inactive deposits in excess of insured amounts, including certificates of deposits. Collateral shall be maintained with the agent of depository.

XII. SAFEKEEPING

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the City of Perris shall be conducted on a delivery versus payment basis. The City will utilize a third party custodian for the holding of investments.

XIII. MAXIMUM MATURITIES

To the extent possible, the City will attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Pursuant to State law, no investments shall have a maturity in excess of five years, unless the Code specifies a shorter maximum maturity. Investments related to bond reserve funds are not subject to this maximum.

XIV. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Finance Department shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be reviewed by the City's independent auditors. The controls shall be designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, and misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent action by employees and officers of the City.

XV. LEVERAGING

The City may not purchase investments on a margin or through a margin account. The City may not leverage its investments through the use of reverse repurchase agreements.

XVI. REPORTING

The City Treasurer or designee shall submit quarterly investment reports to the City Council within 30 days of the quarter end. This report will include elements of the quarterly reports as prescribed by Government Code Section 53646. Required elements of the quarterly report include:

1. Type of Investment
2. Name of Institution
3. Date of Maturity
4. Amount of Deposit or Cost of Security
5. Current Market Value of All Securities and Source of the Valuation
6. Rate of Return

7. Statement that the portfolio is in compliance with this investment policy and if not, the manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance
8. Statement denoting the ability of the City to meet its pool's expenditures requirements for the next six months

XVII. POLICY ADOPTION

The City of Perris Investment Policy is adopted annually by resolution of the City of Perris legislative authority. The City Treasurer and the City Manager will review the policy on an annual basis and recommend modifications to the City of Perris City Council. Whether or not modifications are made to this investment policy, the City Council will review the policy on annual basis in accordance with State law.