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City of Lafayette Investment Policy

I. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to identify various policies and procedures that control the investment of City funds.

The investment policies and practices of the City of Lafayette ("the City") are based on state law and prudent money management. All funds will be invested in accordance with this Policy, and California government Code Sections 53601, et seq. If the City issues bonds in the future, the investment of bond proceeds will be further restricted by the provisions of relevant bond documents.

II. Scope

This policy covers all funds (except retirement funds) and investment activities under the direction of the City.

III. Objectives

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the investment activities of the City shall be:

- 1) Safety. The first priority for the investment program shall be the safety of principal investment. Speculation or risky investment media will be avoided even though high interest rates might be offered.
- 2) Liquidity. Investments must be carefully coordinated with the City's periodic cash needs. It is urgent that current available cash not be assigned to an investment with a time commitment which will result in the shortage of cash for either operations or capital purposes at some future time.
- 3) Return on Investment. After exercising maximum safety in investment media and responsible spacing of maturity, every effort shall then be made to obtain the highest earnings from investments of City money within the limits prescribed by State law for local government investment.

IV. Delegation of Authority

The management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the City Manager or his/her designee who shall monitor and review all investments for consistency with this investment policy. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the limits of this policy. The City may delegate its investment decision making and execution authority to an investment advisor. The advisor shall follow the policy and such other written instructions as are provided.

V. Ethics and Conflict of Interest

City employees and officers involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activities that materially conflicts with proper execution of the investment program, or impairs their ability to make impartial decisions.

VI. Permitted Investment Instruments

1. Government obligations for which the full faith and credit of the United State are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.
2. Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises.
3. Commercial paper rated in the highest short-term rating category, as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating organization (NRSRO). The entity that issues the commercial paper shall meet all of the following conditions in either paragraph (1) or paragraph (2):
 - (1) The entity meets the following criteria:
 - (A) Is organized and operating in the United States as a general corporation.
 - (B) Has total assets in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).
 - (C) Has debt other than commercial paper, if any, that is rated "A" or higher by a NRSRO.
 - (2) The entity meets the following criteria:
 - (A) Is organized within the United States as a special purpose corporation, trust, or limited liability company.
 - (B) Has program wide credit enhancements including, but not limited to, over collateralization, letters of credit, or surety bond.
 - (C) Has commercial paper that is rated "A-1" or higher, or the equivalent, by a NRSRO. Eligible commercial paper shall have a maximum maturity of 270 days or less. Purchases of eligible commercial paper may not exceed 25 percent of the City's investment portfolio, nor may purchases represent more than 10 percent of the outstanding paper of an issuing corporation.
4. FDIC insured or fully collateralized time certificates of deposit in financial institutions located in California.
5. Negotiable certificates of deposit or deposit notes issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank or a state or federal savings and loan association or by a state-licensed branch of a foreign bank; provided that the senior debt obligations of the issuing institution are rated "AA" or better by Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

Purchase of negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed 30 percent of the City's investment portfolio.

6. State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund.

7. Fully FDIC insured savings account or money market account.
8. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, as defined in Section 23701m of the Revenue and Taxation Code, investing in the securities and obligations authorized by sections a through m of Government Code section 53601. To be eligible for investment pursuant to this subdivision these companies shall either: (1) attain the highest ranking letter or numerical rating provided by not less than two of the three largest nationally recognized rating services or (2) have an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years experience investing in securities and obligations authorized by Government Code Section 53601 and with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000.

The purchase price of shares shall not exceed 15 percent of the investment portfolio of the City.

9. Medium-term corporate notes with a maximum maturity of five years, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States. Securities eligible for investment shall be rated "AA" or better by a nationally recognized rating service. Purchases of medium term notes may not exceed 10% of the market value of the portfolio.
10. Bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of any local agency within this state. Eligible investments must be rated AA or better by a nationally recognized rating service.
11. Bankers Acceptances that are drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank. Purchases of bankers acceptances may not exceed 180 days' maturity nor exceed 20% of the market value of the City's portfolio.
12. Shares of beneficial interest issued by a joint powers authority organized pursuant to Section that invests in the securities and obligations authorized in subdivisions (a) to (n), inclusive. Each share shall represent an equal proportional interest in the underlying pool of securities owned by the joint powers authority. To be eligible under this section, the joint powers authority issuing the shares shall have retained an investment adviser that meets all of the following criteria:
 - (1) The adviser is registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
 - (2) The adviser has not less than five years of experience investing in the securities and obligations authorized in subdivisions (a) to (n), inclusive.
 - (3) The adviser has assets under management in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).

Credit criteria listed in this section refers to the credit of the issuing organization at the time the security is purchased.

The following is a listing of the City's allowable investments relative to the investments permitted for California governmental entities under Government Code §53601.

Investment Type	City Minimum Quality Parameters	Code Minimum Quality Parameters	City Maximum % of Portfolio	Code Maximum % of Portfolio	City Maximum Maturity	Code Maximum Maturity
U.S. Treasury Obligations	None	None	None	None	5 Years	5 Years
Federal Agency Obligations	None	None	None	None	5 Years	5 Years
Commercial Paper	A1/P1	A1/P1	25%	25%	270 Days	270 Days
Collateralized Bank Deposits	None	None	None	None	5 Years	5 Years
Negotiable Certificates of Deposits	AA	None	30%	30%	5 Years	5 Years
Local Agency Investment Fund	None	None	\$40 million	\$40 million	N/A	N/A
Time Deposits	None	None	None	None	5 Years	5 Years
Money Market Mutual Funds	Multiple ¹	Multiple ¹	15%	20%	N/A	N/A
Medium-Term Notes	AA	A	10%	30%	5 Years	5 Years
CA Local Agency Obligations	AA	None	None	None	5 Years	5 Years
Bankers Acceptances	A1/P1	A1/P1	20%	40%	180 Days	180 Days

¹Must receive the highest rating by two of the three largest nationally recognized rating agencies or the fund must retain an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC and has not less than five years experience managing money market funds with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

VII. Maximum Maturity

Investment maturities shall be based on a review of cash flow forecasts. Maturities will be scheduled so as to permit the City to meet all projected obligations.

Unless otherwise noted within this investment policy, the City may not invest in a security that exceeds five (5) years from the date of purchase.

VIII. Reporting Requirements

Quarterly investment reports shall be submitted to the City Council as a Consent Calendar item. The reports shall include, at a minimum, the following information for individual investment:

- Description of investment instrument
- Issuer name

- Yield to maturity
- Purchase date
- Maturity date
- Purchase price
- Par value
- Current market value for securities with maturity greater than 12 months

The quarterly report shall also (i) state compliance of the portfolio to the statement of investment policy, or manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance, (ii) include a description of any of the City's funds, investments or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs, and (iii) include a statement denoting the ability of the City to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months, or provide an explanation as to why sufficient money shall, or may, not be available.

This quarterly report shall be submitted within thirty days following the end of the quarter. The City shall not be required to submit a quarterly report to the Council if, during the entire reporting period, the City has maintained 100 percent of its investment portfolio in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

IX. Safekeeping and Custody

The assets of the City shall be secured through third-party custody and safekeeping procedures. Bearer instruments shall be held only through third-party institutions.

X. Annual Review of the Investment Policy

The City Manager and/or Administrative Services Director shall annually submit to the Council a statement of investment policy, which the Council shall consider at a public meeting. Any change in the policy shall also be reviewed by the Council at a public meeting.