



CITY COUNCIL POLICY

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Title: **Statement of Investment Strategy**

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I. Purpose and Need for Policy

Chapter 2256 of Title 10 of the Local Government Code (Public Funds Investment Act) requires the City to adopt a separate written investment strategy for each of the funds or group of funds under its control. Effective investment strategy development coordinates the objectives of the Investment Policy and cash management procedures to reduce investment risk and enhance interest income. The following Investment Strategy describes the investment objectives for each fund or group of funds using the following priorities in order of importance:

1. Suitability,
2. Safety of principal,
3. Liquidity,
4. Marketability of the investment before maturity,
5. Diversification,
6. Yield.

II. Policy

The Investment Strategy applies to the investment and management of all funds under direct authority of the City of Garland. Each of the City's funds or group of funds has varying cash flow requirements and liquidity needs. Specific strategies shall be implemented considering that fund or group of fund's unique requirements. The City's funds are invested according to the following fund types:

1. Operating Funds,
2. Debt Service Funds,
3. Reserve Funds.

III. Procedure to Accomplish Policy

The Investment Strategy will be accomplished for each fund or fund group as follows:

A. Operating Funds

Investments for operating funds shall be scheduled to match anticipated cash flow projections with their stated final maturities.

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have a stated final maturity of three years or less from the date of purchase. Operating fund portfolios include the Treasury Portfolio.

Suitability - All investments authorized in the Statement of Investment Policy are suitable for Operating Funds.

Safety of Principal - All investments shall be high quality securities with no perceived default risk.

Marketability - Securities with active and efficient secondary markets will be purchased in the event of an unanticipated cash requirement.

Liquidity - Operating Funds have as their primary objective to assure that anticipated cash flows are matched with adequate investment liquidity. Constant \$1 NAV investment pools and money market mutual funds shall be an integral component in maintaining daily liquidity. A dollar weighted average maturity of 365 days or less will be calculated using the stated final maturity date for each security. Purchased securities will have a stated final maturity of three years or less from the date of purchase.

Diversification - Maturities shall be staggered throughout the budget cycle to provide cash flows based on anticipated needs. Investment risks will be reduced through diversification among authorized investments.

Yield - The City's objective is to attain a competitive market yield for comparable securities and portfolio constraints. The benchmark for operating funds shall be the one year rolling average yield for the one year Treasury Bill.

B. Debt Service Funds

Investments for Debt Service Funds shall mature on or before the next debt service date. Purchased securities will be highly liquid with very short term maturities because of the near term cash flow requirements. Debt Service Fund portfolios include the General Obligation Debt Service Fund and the Revenue Bond Debt Service Fund.

Suitability - All short term, high quality securities that are authorized in the Statement of Investment Policy and are in compliance with applicable bond ordinances are suitable for Debt Service Funds.

Safety of Principal - All investments shall be high quality securities with no perceived default risk. Purchased securities shall have a stated final maturity date on or before the next debt service date.

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Marketability - Securities with active and efficient secondary markets will be purchased although unanticipated cash requirements are not probable.

Liquidity - Debt Service Funds have predictable cash requirements. Investment maturities shall not exceed the anticipated cash flow requirements.

Diversification - Market conditions will greatly influence the selection of maturities and security types. At no time shall maturities go beyond debt service payment dates.

Yield - The City's objective is to attain a competitive market yield for comparable securities and portfolio constraints. The benchmark for Debt Service Funds shall be the six month rolling average yield for the 180 day Treasury Bill.

C. Reserve Funds

Investments for Reserve Funds have as their primary objective the ability to generate a dependable revenue stream with a low degree of volatility. Purchased securities will be of high quality with short to intermediate term maturities. Reserve Fund portfolios include the Revenue Bond Reserve Fund and the Rate Mitigation Fund.

Suitability - All securities that are authorized in the Statement of Investment Policy except as may be restricted by bond ordinance are suitable for Reserve Funds.

Safety of Principal - All investments shall be short to intermediate term, high quality securities, with no perceived default risk.

Marketability - Securities with active and efficient secondary markets will be purchased in the event of an unanticipated cash requirement.

Liquidity - Unless there are anticipated cash flow requirements, Reserve Funds generally do not require a high degree of daily liquidity. Purchased securities shall have a stated final maturity date of five years or less from the date of purchase.

Diversification - Market conditions will greatly influence the selection of maturities and security types. Securities shall be of high quality, with short to intermediate term maturities. A dollar weighted average maturity of 3 years or less will be calculated using the stated final maturity date for each security.

Yield - The City's objective is to attain a competitive market yield for comparable securities and portfolio constraints. The benchmark for Reserve Funds shall be the one year rolling average yield for the three year Treasury Note.

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The City Council shall review the Statement of Investment Strategy not less than annually. Changes to the Statement of Investment Strategy shall be approved by City Council resolution.

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APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION _____ :

Mayor

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