

RESOLUTION NO. 25-3052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 25-3030

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 53601 provides that all local agencies are subject to the reporting, fund management and investment policy requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise and update the Statement of Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish the best practice of reviewing and adopting, annually, a Statement of Investment Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DOES HEREBY FIND, ORDER AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Statement of Investment Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, is adopted as the Statement of Investment Policy of the City of Artesia, and the Statement of Investment Policy adopted via Resolution 25-3030 is hereby repealed.

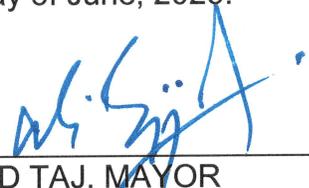
SECTION 2. The City Treasurer shall comply with the Statement of Investment Policy of the City of Artesia adopted by this Resolution.

SECTION 3. In accordance with the authority granted by Artesia Municipal Code – Title 2, Chapter 4, Article 7, the City Treasurer shall assume full responsibility for the decisions and transactions involving the investment and reinvestment of City funds, the sale or exchange of security so purchased and the management of City funds and securities until such time as this delegation of authority is revoked.

SECTION 4. The City Treasurer shall report to the City Council, the City Manager and the City's Auditor as required by the Statement of Investment Policy and all applicable laws.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2025.



ALI SAJJAD TAJ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JENNIFER ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED TO FORM:



BEST BEST & KRIEGER, CITY ATTORNEY

I, Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular City Council Meeting held on the 9th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: AHIR, MANALO, RAMOSO, TREVINO, TAJ
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



JENNIFER ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"

**CITY OF ARTESIA STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY
(Attached)**

**CITY OF ARTESIA
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY
Fiscal Year 2025-26**

1. POLICY:

This statement is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent investment of the temporarily idle cash of the City of Artesia (City) and outline the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the City's cash management system. The City of Artesia shall invest public funds in such a manner as to comply with state and local laws; ensure prudent money management; provide for daily cash flow requirements; and meet the objectives of the Policy, in priority order of Safety, Liquidity and Return on investment.

2. SCOPE:

This investment policy applies to all financial assets and investment activities of the City, except for proceeds of debt issuance. Debt proceeds shall be invested in accordance with the "Permitted Investments" and/or investment provisions for each specific bond indenture and/or bond document.

The Policy applies to the following funds, and is accounted for in the City's annual audited financial statements.

- A. General Fund
- B. Special Revenue Funds
- C. Debt Service Funds
- D. Capital Improvement Funds
- E. Enterprise Funds
- F. Internal Service Funds
- G. Successor Agency Funds
- H. Any joint powers authority funds.

3. STANDARDS OF PRUDENCE:

The City Treasurer authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of the City of Artesia investing public funds pursuant to this policy is a trustee, and therefore a fiduciary subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing public funds, the City Treasurer shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, 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, the City Treasurer is authorized to acquire investments as authorized by law.

4. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES:

When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing public funds, the primary objective of the City Treasurer shall be to safeguard the principal of the funds under its control. The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the City. The third objective shall be to achieve a market average rate of return consistent with the primary objectives of safety and liquidity, throughout budgetary and economic cycles. At no time should safety or liquidity be compromised in exchange for higher yields.

1. **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the City of Artesia shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, the City Treasurer will diversify its investments by investing funds among a variety of securities with independent returns.
2. **Liquidity:** The City's investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City of Artesia to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.
3. **Return on Investments:** The City's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of obtaining a reasonable and competitive market rate of return taking into consideration risk constraints, prudent investment principles, and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

5. AUTHORITY:

The authority to invest City funds is vested in the City Treasurer in accordance with Artesia Municipal Code 2-4.305. All investment decisions and investment of funds shall be made in full compliance with

this policy, the California Government Code Sections 53600 *et seq.*, and all other relevant state and federal requirements as well as any amendments or additions to such requirements.

Management responsibility for the investment of City funds is vested in the City Treasurer who shall prepare written procedures for the operation of the investment program and safekeeping of investment instruments consistent with this investment policy.

6. ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Elected officials and employees of the City involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial decisions under the Political Reform Act and Government Code Section 1090 *et seq.* Elected officials and employees shall disclose to the City Manager any material interests in financial institutions that conduct business with the City, and they shall further disclose any personal investment position or financial asset that could be related to the performance of the City's investment program. Elected officials and employees shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the City particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

Any firm proposing to provide any type of investment service to the City shall acknowledge their familiarity with the provisions of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.* and CA Code of Regulations 18110 *et seq.* and the provisions limiting contractual conflicts of interest under Government Code Section 1090 *et seq.* Any firm proposing to provide any type of investment service to the City shall also acknowledge their familiarity with and agree to abide by any Federal or State law, regulation, rule or policy pertaining to or limiting campaign contributions by such firms, their employees, spouses or agents.

All persons, firms, broker/dealers, financial institutions and advisors providing investment services or bond issue assistance shall disclose to the City Manager and the Treasurer all fee sharing, fee-splitting and commission arrangements with other entities or persons prior to the City agreeing to buy an investment or issue bonds.

7. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS:

The City Treasurer, or the City's designated Investment Manager, shall select all security dealers and depositories subject to City Council approval. The City shall conduct its investment transactions with several competing, reputable security broker/dealers. The selection process shall focus on financial viability, knowledge, experience, and ethics in the fixed-income securities industry. The City Treasurer, or the City's designated Investment Manager, will maintain a list and a written agreement with financial institutions authorized to provide investment services subject to City Council approval.

All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the City Treasurer, or the City's designated Investment Manager, with the following: audited financial statements, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification, proof of state registration, completed broker/dealer questionnaire, and certification of having read the City's investment policy and depository contracts. The City Treasurer, or the City's designated Investment Manager, will conduct an annual review of the financial condition and registrations of qualified bidders.

8. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS:

Authorized and suitable investments shall mean and include any of the following securities to the extent the same are permitted by applicable federal and state code:

Direct Obligations of the United States of America, specifically U.S. Treasury bills and notes. There are no portfolio percentage limits for Direct Obligations of the United States of America.

Direct Obligations of the U.S. Government Agencies, guaranteed directly or indirectly by the United States government and/or directly or indirectly by any of the following: Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Bank System, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Federal Financing Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Government National Mortgage Association, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Housing Administration, Student Loan Marketing Association, and the Resolution Funding Corporation. There are no portfolio percentage limits for Direct Obligations of the U.S. Government Agencies.

Certificates of Deposit which are federally insured or fully collateralized by permitted investments as

defined herein; issued by institutions which are either a nationally or state chartered bank, or thrift, or savings and loan. No more than 30% of the City's portfolio may be invested in Certificates of Deposit.

Guaranteed Investment Contracts that meet the requirements of City / Successor Agency/joint powers authority bond documents may be utilized for the investment of those specific bond proceeds.

Banker's Acceptances which are issued by banks with a rating of "A" or higher by Standard and Poor's or Moody's at the time of investment, and do not exceed 180 days maturity. No more than 10% of the City's portfolio may be invested in Banker's Acceptances.

Repurchase Agreements with any federally insured state or national bank of primary government bond dealer on the Federal Reserve reporting dealer list. All repurchase agreements must be covered by a master repurchase agreement. The term of such repurchase agreement may not exceed two weeks. The repurchase agreement must be 102% collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities that are free and clear of any third- party lien or claim. The collateral must be delivered to the custodian or third party acting as agent for the City. No more than 10% of the City's portfolio may be invested in Repurchase Agreements.

Government Pools

Government sponsored investment pools (Pools) are permitted under California Government Code Section 53601 *et seq.* and an excellent short-term investment option for cash management facilities. These pools can provide safety, liquidity, and yield in a single diversified investment. However, thoughtful investigation and due diligence are required, both initially at time of purchase, and ongoing analysis to determine that the investment pool is being managed in a manner consistent with the objective of the Policy. The following guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- A) Shall have attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.
- B) The Pools mark to market weekly at a minimum.
- C) The Pool provides comprehensive, timely monthly reports which include detailed transaction listings, reports realized and unrealized gains and losses, provides accurate market values for each security, provides quality rating for individual securities, takes delivery DVP, provides third party safekeeping of all investments, and for whom an audit is conducted annually by an independent auditor with no relationship to the Pool.

There is no portfolio percentage limit for Government Pools.

State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

Investment in LAIF may not exceed the current LAIF limit and should be reviewed periodically.

Los Angeles County Pool

Investment in the Los Angeles County Pool may not exceed the current pool limits and should be reviewed periodically.

California Asset Management Program (CAMP)

Investment in CAMP may not exceed the current pool limits and should be reviewed periodically.

California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS)

Investment in California CLASS may not exceed the current pool limits and should be reviewed periodically.

Government Securities Money Market Fund(s) which invest only in U.S. Government Securities, and the net asset value is stabilized at one dollar. The fund shall have the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating by not less than two of the three largest nationally recognized rating services. No more than 10% of the City's portfolio may be invested in Government Securities Money Market Fund(s).

Sweep Accounts in a banking institution at which the City currently does business may be utilized for the temporary placement of funds. Such placement of funds is intended to be for a temporary period, not to exceed seven days. It is acknowledged that the individual investment instruments which comprise said sweep accounts may or may not conform to the City's Statement of Investment Policy.

Specifically excluded as investments are: reverse repurchase agreements; longer-term U.S. Treasury, Agency, and corporate bonds with maturities exceeding five years; mortgage-backed securities; leveraged investments; derivatives of any kind at any time; and other investments not permitted under applicable government codes.

9. DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS:

It is the City's policy to minimize portfolio risk by diversifying maturity, sector, and class allocations. Default risk shall be minimized by investing in an assortment of permitted investments as mentioned above. To minimize overall portfolio risk, the following not-to-exceed diversification goals shall guide the City's operating fund portfolio, based upon the portfolio structure at the time of purchase. Percentage limitations stated below will be calculated and applied at the time of purchase of the investment instrument. Not-to-Exceed-Limits stated below apply to the par value of the investments not the market value. Such limits shall also be within any requirements of state law.

10. MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS

Money market mutual funds provide another safe, liquid and diversified investment option for the City's surplus capital: however, certain conditions need to be met both initially and on an ongoing basis. The money market may only invest in US Government securities permitted under this policy and under California Government Code Section 53601 *et seq.* with final stated maturities of one year or less "Government Money Market Funds."

In order to be an eligible money market investment under this section, the primary objective of the money market, as stated in the fund's prospectus, is to maintain a constant \$1.00 Net Asset Value (NAV). The following additional guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- A) Only invests in US Government securities, and the weighted average maturity of the portfolio is less than 180 days.
- B) The fund shall be registered with the SEC.
- C) The fund shall have a minimum of \$500 million in total asset size of portfolio at time of investment, and should not drop below this threshold.
- D) The money market shall have attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, and shall maintain these ratings for the duration of the investment.

11. COLLATERALIZATION:

All demand deposits, time deposits and repurchase agreements are to be fully collateralized with securities authorized by the California Government Code and the City. The eligible collateral for repurchase agreements must be those investments authorized by Section 53601 of the California Government Code. The Treasurer may specify the type of eligible collateral for use in repurchase agreements. Eligible collateral must be in book entry form. Collateral is valued at current market plus accrued interest through the date of valuation.

- A) The cost value (book value) of collateral pledged for demand deposits must at all times be equal to or greater than the amount on deposit, plus accrued interest, in accordance with the following ratio:

U.S. Treasury Securities	110%
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- B) The cost value (book value) of collateral pledged for repurchase agreements must at all times be equal to or greater than the par amount, plus accrued interest, with the following ratios:

U.S. Treasury Securities	102%
U.S. Government Agencies	102%
Cash (in immediately available funds)	100%

It is the policy of the City to require reports at least on a quarterly basis from institutions with which the Treasurer has pledged security interest. The Treasurer shall monitor the adequacy of collateralization to ensure that balances are collateralized in accordance with the ratios approved herein.

With regard to repurchase agreements, it is the policy of the City to initiate a margin call in the event pledged collateral falls below the appropriate ratio.

Collateralized investments and deposits often require substitution of collateral. Any broker or financial institution requesting substitution must contact the City through the City Treasurer, for approval in the event the counterparty to the transaction is not authorized under agreement with the City to make substitutions.

12. SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY:

The City Treasurer shall take possession of all of the City's investment securities pursuant to Government Code Section 53608 which, in pertinent part, provides as follows:

"A local agency purchasing or obtaining any securities prescribed in this section, in a negotiable, bearer, registered, or nonregistered format, shall require delivery of the securities to the local agency, including those purchased for the agency by financial advisors, consultants, or managers using the agency's funds, by book entry, physical delivery, or by third party custodial agreement. The transfer of securities to the counterpart bank's customer book entry account may be used for book entry delivery. For purposes of this section "counterparty" means the other party to the transaction. A counterparty bank's trust department or separate safekeeping department may be used for the physical delivery of the security if the security is held in the name of the local agency."

13. MAXIMUM MATURITIES:

The average dollar weighted maturity of the total portfolio shall not exceed 2 years. No investment shall have a maturity date in excess of 5 years from date of purchase without the approval of the City Council prior to any such transactions. No more than 35% of the total portfolio shall be invested in instruments with maturities beyond 3 years at the time of purchase, and no more than 20% of the total portfolio shall be invested in instruments with maturities beyond 4 years at the time of purchase. Maturities shall be staggered to minimize liquidity risk and to enhance the stability of incoming cashflows. At least 10% of the portfolio shall be invested in instruments which can be liquidated on one day's notice.

14. INTERNAL CONTROL:

The City Treasurer shall establish procedures that separate the internal responsibility for management and accounting of the investment portfolio. An analysis by an external independent auditor shall be conducted annually to review internal controls, account activity and compliance with policies and procedures.

15. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND EVALUATION:

Investment performance is continually monitored and evaluated by the City Treasurer. Investment portfolio reports are generated on a monthly basis and submitted to the City Manager and the City Council Finance Committee. The investment portfolio reports are to be submitted within 60 days of the end of the reporting period.

The portfolio shall be designed to attain a market average rate of return comparable to the average one year U.S. Constant Maturity Treasury (CMT).

An annual audit of the City's Investment Policy, practices, procedures and portfolio status will be conducted by an independent auditor. The auditor will provide the City Manager and City Council with written observations and recommendations regarding the adequacy of investment controls.

16. REPORTING:

The City Treasurer shall provide the City Council with monthly reports about the City's investments. These reports shall include, at a minimum, the following information for each type of investment held in the City's investment portfolio: the issuer; date of purchase; date of maturity; amount of investment; current market value; yield on investment; yield and total return on portfolio; income generated from investments; and a description of unusual investment activity or developments during the month for which the report is prepared.

The City Treasurer shall prepare such a report for each month. The City Treasurer shall deliver each monthly report to the Mayor and each City Council Member no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the month for which each report is prepared.

In the event that an investment advisor is retained by the City Council, the investment advisor shall prepare and deliver a report for each month's investment activity as required herein to the City Treasurer in such time as to allow the City Treasurer to comply with the delivery times for each report required by this policy.

The City Treasurer may be relieved from that office in the event of any failure to comply with the reporting requirements of this policy.

17. INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION:

The City of Artesia Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council. The Policy shall be reviewed annually by the City Treasurer and the Council and any modifications made thereto must be approved by the City Council.