

Exhibit A

City of Brentwood, Missouri

Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy

In Accordance with GASB Statement #54

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the City of Brentwood by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the City maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance in the General Fund to mitigate financial risk that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the City's general operations. It is also very important to maintain adequate levels of assigned fund balances in the City's Capital Improvements, Storm Water and Park Improvements and Sewer Improvements funds for operations, equipment replacement and future capital improvements.

Definitions

Fund Balance – The excess of assets over liabilities in a governmental fund. Fund balance can be made up of five separate categories defined as follows:

- 1) **Nonspendable fund balance** – includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact. Examples are inventory or permanent funds.
- 2) **Restricted fund balance** – includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers either constitutionally or through enabling legislation. Examples include grants and child safety fees.
- 3) **Committed fund balance** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- 4) **Assigned fund balance** – comprises amounts *intended* to be used by the government for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

5) **Unassigned fund balance** – is the residual classification of the **General Fund** and includes all amounts not contained in other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose.

Policy

Committed Fund Balance

The Board of Aldermen is the City’s highest level of decision-making authority and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is an ordinance or resolution approved by the Board at a City of Brentwood Board of Aldermen meeting. The ordinance or resolution must either be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in the subsequent period.

Assigned Fund Balance

The Board of Aldermen has authorized the City Administrator as the official authorized to assign fund balance to a specific purpose as approved by this fund balance policy.

Minimum Operating Reserves - Unassigned Fund Balance Goals (General Fund)

It is the goal of the City of Brentwood to achieve and maintain an Operating unassigned fund balance in the General Fund equal to **50%** ~~15%~~ of budgeted operating expenditures. The City considers a balance of less than 10% to be cause for concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances.

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If unassigned fund balance falls below the goal or has a deficiency, the City will plan to adjust the budget in the subsequent fiscal years to restore the balance.

Appropriation from the unassigned General Fund fund balance shall require a majority approval of the Board of Aldermen and shall be only for one-time expenditures, such as an extraordinary or emergency circumstance, and not for ongoing expenditures unless a viable plan designated to sustain the expenditures is simultaneously adopted.

Minimum Operating Reserves - Assigned Fund Balance Goals

It is the goal of the City of Brentwood to achieve and maintain an Operating Reserves assigned fund balances in the Storm Water and Park Improvements and Sewer Improvements funds equal to 15% of budgeted operating expenditures. The City considers a balance of less than 10% to be cause for concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances.

If the assigned fund balance falls below the goal or has a deficiency, the City will plan to adjust the budget in the subsequent fiscal years to restore the balance.

Appropriation from the assigned Storm Water and Park Improvements or Sewer Improvements Fund fund balance shall require a majority approval of the Board of Aldermen and shall be only for one-time expenditures, such as an extraordinary or emergency circumstance, and not for ongoing expenditures unless a viable plan designated to sustain the expenditures is simultaneously adopted.

Equipment Replacement Reserves - Assigned Fund Balance Goals

In addition to the minimum fund balance goals above, it is the goal of the City of Brentwood to achieve and maintain Equipment Replacement Reserves assigned fund balances in the Capital Improvements, Storm Water and Park Improvements and Sewer Improvements funds in an amount required such that all city equipment can be replaced at the end of their designated useful lives. An equipment replacement schedule will be maintained in order to determine the level required to be maintained each budget year.

If the assigned fund balance falls below the goal or has a deficiency, the City will plan to adjust the budget in the subsequent fiscal years to restore the balance.

Appropriation from the Equipment Replacement Reserves assigned Capital Improvements, Storm Water and Park Improvements or Sewer Improvements funds fund balance shall require a majority approval of the Board of Aldermen and shall be only for one-time expenditures, such as an extraordinary or emergency circumstance, and not for ongoing expenditures unless a viable plan designated to sustain the expenditures is simultaneously adopted.

Capital Reserves - Assigned Fund Balance Goals

Finally, it is the goal of the City of Brentwood to achieve and maintain Capital Reserves assigned fund balances in the Capital Improvements and Storm Water and Park Improvements funds equal to 5% of the value of the related capital assets excluding machinery and equipment (See Equipment Replacement Reserves section above). Appropriations from the capital reserves will be to fund major capital costs. The City will have a 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) as part of the annual budget that lists all upcoming capital projects and the funding sources for those projects.

If the assigned fund balance falls below the goal or has a deficiency, the City will plan to adjust the budget in the subsequent fiscal years to restore the balance.

Appropriation from the Capital Reserves assigned Capital Improvements or Storm Water and Park Improvements funds fund balance shall require the approval of the Board of Aldermen and shall be only for one-time expenditures, such as capital purchases, and not for ongoing expenditures unless a viable plan designated to sustain the expenditures is simultaneously adopted.

Order of Expenditure of Funds

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure (for example, a construction project is being funded partly by a grant, funds set aside by the Board of Aldermen, and unassigned fund balance), the City will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.