

EDMONTON

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE



TITLE

HANDLING OF CITY MONEY

NUMBER

A1200C

DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

DIRECTOR, TREASURY MANAGEMENT

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DEFINITIONS

DATE

DECEMBER 11, 2015

Cash – Canadian and US bills and coins.

Cash-like Product – A product having a retail value that is redeemable for goods or services either externally (for example, movie passes) or internally (for example, transit passes).

Cash Site – A City location that handles City Money. Custodians of Imprest Funds that cover floats, petty cash and program cash are excluded from the definition of a Cash Site.

Cheque (Personal or Business) – Personal or Business cheque written on a personal or business bank account.

City of Edmonton Handbook for the Handling of City Money – a document that provides detailed guidelines and procedures for City of Edmonton employees involved in money handling operations.

Money – Cash, Cheques, Money Orders, debit and credit card transactions, bonds, letters of credit, and any other media. It also includes any Cash-like Products.

Police Information Check (Requiring a Vulnerable Sector Search) – Contains the following disclosures:

- A list of all criminal convictions obtained from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).
- A list of all pending court appearances, criminal convictions and/or other relevant convictions not yet recorded on a criminal record and any court imposed orders. This information is obtained from the Province of Alberta's justice database known as the Justice Online Information Network (JOIN).

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- A list of non-conviction locally held police records that demonstrate a pattern of behaviour representing a risk to public safety.

Police Information Check (Not Requiring a Vulnerable Sector Search) – Contains the following disclosures:

- A list of all criminal convictions obtained from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).
- A list of all pending court appearances, criminal convictions not yet recorded on a criminal record and any court imposed orders. This information is obtained from the Province of Alberta's justice database known as the Justice Online Information Network (JOIN).

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

All Money belonging to the City must be properly secured, and all Cash, Cheques and money orders must be deposited to the City's bank accounts in a timely manner.

The value of Cash-like Products for purposes of assessing risk and determining storage requirements will be their retail value.

Money must be stored in accordance with the standards for Money containers, safes and vaults established by Corporate Security. Variations from these standards may be permitted if approved by the Director, Treasury Management, in consultation with Corporate Security.

City vaults and safes must not store funds belonging to outside organizations, patrons or staff.

The handling of credit card data must comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) to protect the highly sensitive credit card data from unauthorized access, collection, use, and disclosure.

All City of Edmonton Employees, processes, and technologies that,
a. process, store, or transmit Credit Card Data within the City of Edmonton,
b. could impact the security of the Cardholder Data Environment of the City of Edmonton,
must comply with the City of Edmonton Handbook for the Handling of City Money as well as all applicable requirements of the PCI Standards.

Cash-like Product issued by the City must be serialized and perpetual inventory records must be maintained in accordance with the Corporate Records and Information Management Directive A1410C, as amended.

Establishment of City bank accounts, arrangements for electronic banking/payment services, and all communications with the City's preferred bank/banks will be the responsibility of the Director, Treasury Management.

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Any purchases, leases, replacements or upgrades to Money handling equipment, Cash register hardware and/or software, and modifications to existing or construction of new Money handling or cashiering facilities, must be approved by the Director, Treasury Management.

All new cashiering systems and payment systems (including web-based systems) must be approved by the Director, Treasury Management to ensure that they conform to existing standards and can interface with the Corporate Cash System.

Employment reference checks, with specific questioning about the candidate's previous Money handling duties and responsibilities, as well as a Police Information Check, will be required for all candidates being considered for positions involving the routine handling of City Money.

Periodically throughout their term of employment, employees responsible for handling Money may be required to provide an updated Police Information Check.

Employees responsible for handling Money will be trained by their supervisors and will be required to sign an acknowledgement form indicating their agreement to comply with the Handling of City Money Directive and Procedure.

Cash must never be transferred internally by interoffice mail.

(redacted pursuant to *Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act* RSA 2000,CF-25 (FOIP)section 25)

Any unusual or recurring shortages must be reported immediately to Corporate Security and/or the Office of the City Auditor, in accordance with the Fraud Directive A1454 and Whistleblower Protection Directive A1455.

Detailed, standard procedures for the handling of City Money are provided in the City of Edmonton *Handbook for the Handling of City Money*. These procedures should be used by all Cash Sites unless they have detailed, department-specific Money handling instructions that have been jointly signed by operations management at a Director level or higher and the Director, Treasury Management.

When requested, the Director, Treasury Management will provide detailed, site specific Money handling instructions for operating areas requiring them. These will be signed off by operations management at a Director level or higher and the Director, Treasury Management. When operational changes affect the Money handling instructions, operating areas should update the Site Specific procedures and forward them to the Director, Treasury Management for review and approval.

COMPLIANCE

The Director, Treasury Management and/or the Office of the City Auditor may conduct audits or tests at any time without notice to assess compliance with this Administrative Directive and Procedure, the City of Edmonton *Handbook for the Handling of City Money* and site-specific Money handling instructions.

Corporate Security may conduct security audits of Cash Sites and investigate security breaches as required.

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The Director, Treasury Management must approve in writing any revisions or exceptions to this Administrative Directive and Procedure, the City of Edmonton *Handbook for the Handling of City Money* and related forms (e.g., deposit sheets).

Employees are responsible for reporting any suspected violation of this Administrative Directive and Procedure, the City of Edmonton *Handbook for the Handling of City Money* or department-specific Money handling instructions to the Director, Treasury Management and/or the Office of the City Auditor. Employees wishing to report anonymously may use the Fraud and Misconduct Hotline (by phone at 1-866-889-8297 or by Internet at <http://www.clearviewconnects.com/>).

Disciplinary action may be taken in cases of non-compliance, and such cases will be dealt with in accordance with Discipline of City Employees Directive A1102, as amended.