



## City of North Port

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R-14** (Fund Balance Policy)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA  
PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
FUND BALANCE POLICY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt and establish a fund balance policy as a plan to manage its financial resources for selected funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, TO WIT:

#### SECTION 1 – FUND BALANCE POLICY

- 1.01 The City Commission hereby approves the Fund Balance Policy attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

#### SECTION 2 – CONFLICTS

- 2.01 If there is any conflict between the provisions of this Resolution and any other resolution or ordinance or portions thereof, the provisions of this Resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

#### SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY

- 3.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

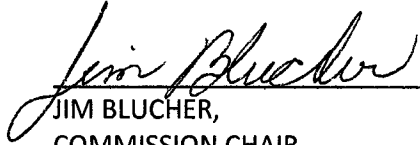
SECTION 4 – EFFECTIVE DATE

4.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida

this 20th day of April, 2011.

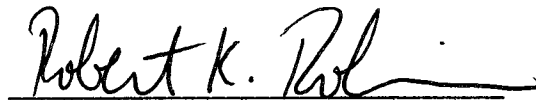
CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

  
JIM BLUCHER,  
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
HELEN M. RAIMBEAU, MMC  
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and correctness:

  
ROBERT K. ROBINSON  
CITY ATTORNEY

## City of North Port

### Fund Balance Policy

#### **Purpose:**

For increased financial stability, the City of North Port desires to manage its financial resources by establishing fund balance ranges for selected funds. This will ensure that the City maintains a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees because of temporary revenue shortfalls, natural disasters or unexpected one-time expenditures as well as to provide needed liquidity to continue operations.

#### **Definitions:**

**Fund Balance:** Fund balance is the difference between current fund assets and current fund liabilities. Fund balance is reported in five categories.

**Nonspendable** – represents assets that will not or cannot be converted to cash within the current period. The assets include advances to other funds, inventories or other prepaid items.

**Restricted** – is the portion of fund balance that is restricted by externally enforceable legal restrictions. This includes revenue that is restricted for a particular purpose. The restrictions can be imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws.

**Committed** – is the portion of fund balance whose use is constrained by the limitations the City Commission imposes on itself that remain binding until removed in the same manner. Purchase orders or contracts that are rolled from the prior fiscal year to the new fiscal year are committed resources.

**Assigned** – is the portion of fund balance that reflects the City's intended use of assets. The intended use can be established by the City Commission, delegated to a group (Management Team) or delegated to an individual

City Manager or Finance Director. Projects that have been budgeted in prior fiscal years but are not complete are assigned the resources necessary to complete if not committed under contract. This amount would represent the portion of fund balance to be used in the subsequent year's budget or to accumulate resources for a future capital project.

Unassigned – is the remaining portion of fund balance that is not classified into the other categories. Only the General Fund can have a positive balance. In other funds, balances are assigned to the fund's purpose otherwise they would be accounted for in the General Fund.

Fund Balance Range: Is the range of amounts this policy has set which the City means to maintain the total fund balance for financial stability. The range is calculated as a percentage of a fund's ensuing year's budgeted expenditures and does not include the Nonspendable portion of fund balance.

Spending Priority: When a governmental fund has multiple classifications of fund balance the expenditure is determined to reduce the restricted fund balances first, then committed fund balance followed by assigned.

Surplus: Is the amount by which the fund balance exceeds the upper limit of the fund balance range.

Shortfall: is the amount that the fund balance falls below the lower limit of the range.

Expenditures: Are all of the uses of financial resources including operating and capital outflows and debt service. For consistency, it does not include other sources and uses of resources in the fund unless there is a recurring transfer.

## **Fund Balance Ranges:**

### **General Fund:**

The General Fund is the primary operating fund in the City. The ranges reflect the multipurpose nature of the fund. The range of the total spendable fund balance should be between 15% and 25%. The Unassigned portion of the fund balance should be 5%-10% of the General Fund expenditures.

### **Road and Drainage District:**

The R&D District is responsible for the maintenance and construction/repair of the streets, roads and drainage system in the City. A large portion of the annual budget is appropriated for capital projects. The fund balance range should be between 20% and 25% of the annual budgeted expenditures.

### **The Fire District:**

The Fire District funds the non EMS portion of the total fire service operations. A portion of the annual appropriation is for replacing rolling stock and debt service on existing fire stations. The fund balance range should be between 20% and 25% of the annual budgeted expenditures.

### **Solid Waste District:**

The Solid Waste District is responsible for the collection and disposal of solid waste in North Port. Over 90% of the annual revenue is received from annual assessments while expenditures are made at a level rate throughout the year. The fund balance range should be between 20% and 25% of the annual budgeted expenditures.

**Surplus:**

If it is determined at the fiscal year end that there is a surplus (an amount in excess of the upper limit of the fund balance range for any fund) the operating funds should be appropriated as follows:

1. To cover any anticipated budgetary shortfalls in the current fiscal year or any shortfall forecasted in the following five years
2. To reduce long term debt, if possible
3. To deposit into a fund that stabilizes pension contributions to achieve a normal growth rate
4. To fund pay-as you go capital projects or expenditures
5. To create a capital asset renewal and replacement fund

**Shortfall:**

If it is determined that there is a shortfall (an amount below the lower limit of the fund balance for any fund), the fund balance is to be rebuilt through the following mechanisms:

1. An appropriation during the next budget process of at least 20% of the shortfall.
2. If this is financially infeasible, a written plan shall be forwarded by the City Manager to the Commission for approval in order to restore the fund balance to an amount within the acceptable range. This plan may require a reduction of services, increase in taxes or fees or some combination, thereof.

This policy can be amended at any time by resolution of the City Commission.