

RECORD-KEEPING POLICY AND POST- ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE MATTERS



ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

It is necessary and in the best interest of the St. Charles Public Library District to maintain sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with its covenants and expectations to ensure the appropriate federal tax status for the General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2019 (the “Certificates”) and other debt obligations of the District, the interest on which is excludable from “gross income” for federal income tax purposes or which enable the District or the holder to receive federal tax benefits, including, but not limited to, qualified tax credit bonds and other specified tax credit bonds (including the Certificates, the “Tax Advantaged Obligations”).

Further, it is necessary and in the best interest of the District that (i) the Board adopt policies with respect to record keeping and post issuance compliance with the District’s covenants related to its Tax Advantaged Obligations and (ii) the Compliance Officer (as hereinafter defined) at least annually review the District’s Contracts (as hereinafter defined) to determine whether the Tax Advantaged Obligations comply with the federal tax requirements applicable to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations.

The Board and the District has adopted the following Record Keeping Policy:

- a. *Compliance Officer Is Responsible for Records.* The Director of the District (the “Compliance Officer”) is hereby designated as the keeper of all records of the District with respect to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, and such officer shall report to the Board at least annually that he/she has all of the required records in his/her possession, or is taking appropriate action to obtain or recover such records.
- b. *Closing Transcripts.* For each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, the Compliance Officer shall receive, and shall keep and maintain, a true, correct and complete counterpart of each and every document and agreement delivered in connection with the issuance of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, including without limitation (i) the proceedings of the District authorizing the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (ii) any offering document with respect to the offer and sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (iii) any legal opinions with respect to the Tax Advantaged Obligations delivered by any lawyers, and (iv) all written representations of any person delivered in connection with the issuance and initial sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations.
- c. *Arbitrage Rebate Liability.* The Compliance Officer shall review the agreements of the District with respect to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall prepare a

report for the Board stating whether or not the District has any rebate liability to the United States Treasury, and setting forth any applicable exemptions that each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations may have from rebate liability. Such report shall be updated annually and delivered to the Board.

- d. *Recommended Records.* The Compliance Officer shall review the records related to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall determine what requirements the District must meet in order to maintain the tax-exemption of interest paid on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, its entitlement to direct payments by the United States Treasury of the applicable percentages of each interest payment due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and applicable tax credits or other tax benefits arising from its Tax Advantaged Obligations. The Compliance Officer shall then prepare a list of the contracts, requisitions, invoices, receipts and other information that may be needed in order to establish that the interest paid on the Tax Advantaged Obligations is entitled to be excluded from “gross income” for federal income tax purposes, that the District is entitled to receive from the United States Treasury direct payments of the applicable percentages of interest payments coming due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and the entitlement of holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations to any tax credits or other tax benefits, respectively. Notwithstanding any other policy of the District, such retained records shall be kept for as long as the Tax Advantaged Obligations relating to such records (and any obligations issued to refund the Tax Advantaged Obligations) are outstanding, plus three years, and shall at least include:
- (i) complete copies of the transcripts delivered when any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations is initially issued and sold;
 - (ii) copies of account statements showing the disbursements of all Tax Advantaged Obligation proceeds for their intended purposes, and records showing the assets and other property financed by such disbursements;
 - (iii) copies of account statements showing all investment activity of any and all accounts in which the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held or in which funds to be used for the payment of principal of or interest on any Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held, or which has provided security to the holders or credit enhancers of any Tax Advantaged Obligations;
 - (iv) copies of all bid requests and bid responses used in the acquisition of any special investments used for the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, including any swaps, swaptions, or other financial derivatives entered into in order to establish that such instruments were purchased at fair market value;
 - (v) copies of any subscriptions to the United States Treasury for the purchase of State and Local Government Series (SLGS) obligations;
 - (vi) any calculations of liability for arbitrage rebate that is or may become due with respect to any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, and any calculations prepared to show that no arbitrage rebate is due, together, if applicable, with account statements or cancelled checks showing the payment of any rebate amounts to the United States Treasury together with any applicable IRS Form 8038 T; and
 - (vii) copies of all contracts and agreements of the District, including any leases (the “Contracts”), with respect to the use of any property owned by the District and acquired, constructed or otherwise financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Tax Advantaged

Obligations effective at any time when such Tax Advantaged Obligations are, will or have been outstanding. Copies of contracts covering no more than 50 days of use and contracts related to District employees need not be retained.

(e) IRS Examinations or Inquiries. In the event the IRS commences an examination of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations or requests a response to a compliance check, questionnaire or other inquiry, the Compliance Officer shall inform the Board of such event, and is authorized to respond to inquiries of the IRS, and to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in the response to the examination or inquiry.

(f) Annual Review. The Compliance Officer shall conduct an annual review of the Contracts and other records to determine for each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations then outstanding whether each such issue complies with the federal tax requirements applicable to such issue, including restrictions on private business use, private payments and private loans. The Compliance Officer is expressly authorized, without further official action of the Board, to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in such review. To the extent that any violations or potential violations of federal tax requirements are discovered incidental to such review, the Compliance Officer may make recommendations or take such actions as the Compliance Officer shall reasonably deem necessary to assure the timely correction of such violations or potential violations through remedial actions described in the United States Treasury Regulations, or the Tax Exempt Bonds Voluntary Closing Agreement Program described in Treasury Notice 2008 31 or similar program instituted by the IRS.

(g) Training. The Compliance Officer shall undertake to maintain reasonable levels of knowledge concerning the rules related to tax exempt bonds (and build America bonds and tax credit bonds to the extent the District has outstanding build America bonds or tax credit bonds) so that such officer may fulfill the duties described in this Section. The Compliance Officer may consult with counsel, attend conferences and presentations of trade groups, read materials posted on various web sites, including the web site of the Tax Exempt Bond function of the IRS, and use other means to maintain such knowledge. Recognizing that the Compliance Officer may not be fully knowledgeable in this area, the Compliance Officer may consult with outside counsel, consultants and experts to assist him or her in exercising his or her duties hereunder. The Compliance Officer will endeavor to make sure that the District's staff is aware of the need for continuing compliance. The Compliance Officer will provide copies of this Ordinance and the Tax Exemption Certificate and Agreement or other applicable tax documents for each series of Tax Advantaged Obligations then currently outstanding (the "Tax Agreements") to staff members who may be responsible for taking actions described in such documents. The Compliance Officer should assist in the education of any new Compliance Officer and the transition of the duties under these procedures. The Compliance Officer will review this Ordinance and each of the Tax Agreements periodically to determine if there are portions that need further explanation and, if so, will attempt to obtain such explanation from counsel or from other experts, consultants or staff.

(h) Amendment and Waiver. The procedures described in this Section are only for the benefit of the District. No other person (including an owner of a Tax Advantaged Obligation) may rely on the procedures included in this Section. The District may amend this Section and any provision of this Section may be waived, without the consent of the holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations and as authorized by passage of an ordinance by the Board. Additional procedures may be required for Tax Advantaged Obligations the proceeds of which are used for purposes other than capital governmentally owned projects or refundings of such, including tax

increment financing bonds, bonds financing output facilities, bonds financing working capital, or private activity bonds. The District also recognizes that these procedures may need to be revised in the event the District enters into any derivative products with respect to its Tax Advantaged Obligations.

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