



Enterprise Fund Return on Investment (ROI) Policy



The City provides services through the operation of publicly owned utilities and other operations referred to as enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are treated in a manner similar to that of their private counterparts and a return on investment (ROI) is provided to the General Fund on an annual basis. The ROI is intended to generate a fair and reasonable rate of return on the City's investment.

Recommended Return on Investment (ROI) Rate Range:

Minimum Rate 3.04%

Based on 30-Year Treasury Bond

Maximum Rate: 6.18%

Based on an average investor owned utility, adjusted for taxes and risk

Setting of Rate Annually

The City Manager recommends the rate of return for each fund annually with the proposed budget. The ranges are reviewed at least every 3 years. The rate of return included for the FY 2019 tentative budget is presented below.

City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2019 Return on Investment (ROI) Charges

Return on Investment charges to the Water and Sewer and Central Regional Wastewater Funds in the tentative budget were reduced from the amounts included in the proposed budget by 25% for a total reduction of \$5.1 Million.

Fund(s)	ROI Rate	ROI Charges FY 2019 Tentative Budget
Central Regional Wastewater	2.78%	\$3,109,550
Parking	4.45%	\$3,163,695
Sanitation	0.00%	\$ -
Stormwater	0.00%	\$ -
Water and Sewer	2.89%	\$12,176,848
Total FY 2019 ROI Charges		\$18,450,093

Return on Investment Calculation

The range and calculation for the City's return on investment calculation are provided below.

Rate Base - The value of property in the enterprise funds that the rate of return will be applied to in order to determine the ROI. The rate base for the City's enterprise funds will be the fund's net position as reported in the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the same rate base that has historically been used.

Range – A reasonable rate of return will be applied to the rate base in order to calculate a ROI to the General Fund. The range for the rate of return will be established every three years with a minimum rate based on the United States Treasury 30-year bond and a maximum rate based on the average rate of return allowed by the Florida Public Service Commission for the four largest investor owned electric utilities.

Tying the transfer to rate base is expected to result in a fairly predictable and stable transfer that should increase over time as new capital investments are made in the utility. If the utility is not making investments in its infrastructure, the rate base can depreciate resulting in a lower ROI.

Minimum Rate - The rate of return for a United States Treasury 30-Year Bond as of the first business day of the calendar year shall be used as the lower bound of the reasonable rate of return. As of January 3, 2017, this rate would be **3.04 percent**. The 30-year Treasury bond was selected as the lower bound to represent the lowest level of return the City would want to accept for a safe investment.

Maximum Rate - The average return on equity (ROE) allowed by the Florida Public Service Commission for the four largest investor-owned electric utilities shall be the basis for the upper bound. As of January 3, 2017 this rate would be calculated to be **10.39 percent**. This average rate shall be adjusted to account for the differences between an investor owned business and a municipally owned enterprise. The rate shall be reduced to account for the fact that the City is a tax-exempt entity and does not pay taxes on its collected return (30%) and reduced further due to the lower level of risk a City owned enterprise faces, as compared to an investor owned business (15%). Once the average rate is adjusted for risk, the maximum rate would be **6.18 percent**. The details of this calculation for January 3, 2017 are included on the following page:

Electric Utility	Public Service Commission Allowable Return on Equity (ROE)
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	10.55%
Duke Energy Florida*	10.50%
Florida Public Utilities Company	10.25%
Tampa Electric (TECO)	10.25%
<i>Average</i>	<i>10.39%</i>
<i>Tax Exempt Adjustment</i>	<i>(30%)</i>
<i>Risk Adjustment</i>	<i>(15%)</i>
<i>Recommended Maximum ROI</i>	<i>6.18%</i>

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