



**SALT LAKE  
COUNTY**

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

September 13, 2011

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**Ms. Linda Hamilton, Chair**  
Steering Committee  
Rm. N2100, Government Center  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Salt Lake County Council, at its meeting held this day, approved amendments to the following Countywide Policy & Procedure:

**#1301 – Acceptance of Checks**

Pursuant to the above action, you are hereby authorized to distribute the same.

Respectfully yours,

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

### COUNCIL ~ VOTE SLIP

Date:	Absent	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Council Member RANDY HORIUCHI				/		
Council Member RICHARD SNELGROVE				/		
Council Member JIM BRADLEY				/		
Council Member ARLYN BRADSHAW		/		/		
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Council Member JANI IWAMOTO				/		
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<b>Council Chair MAX BURDICK</b>	/					

Other Action:

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September 6, 2011

Max Burdick, Chair  
Salt Lake County Legislative Subcommittee  
2001 South State, N2200  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84190-1010

Re: Approval of Amendments to Countywide Policy & Procedure # 1301, *Acceptance of Checks*

This policy is being amended to require county employees that use the service of cashing personal checks at the Treasurer's Office to sign an agreement regarding what actions will take place should their check be returned or dishonored.

Dear Councilman Burdick:

The above-referenced policy has been reviewed and approved by the Council Legislative Subcommittee. I am requesting that it be discussed and approved by the Salt Lake County Council.

Since 2000, the Treasurer's Office has provided the service of cashing personal checks for county employees. Upon occasion, it has been necessary to involve the District Attorney's office and Auditor's office if a check has been returned or dishonored. The amendment to this policy will require that employees wanting to cash a check will first be required to sign an agreement stating they are aware of what actions will take place should their check be returned or dishonored and their responsibility for any costs involved.

Sincerely,

Linda Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Salt Lake County Office of the Mayor

Attachment

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SALT LAKE COUNTY  
COUNTY-WIDE POLICY  
ON  
ACCEPTANCE OF CHECKS

**Purpose -**

- In order to insure the integrity of revenue collections, this policy is established to describe the circumstances under which agencies of the County should require that a check guarantee card or valid form of identification accompany acceptance of checks.

**1.0 Definitions**

- 1.1 Document - Writing conveying accurate information
- 1.2 Valid form of Identification - The following forms with a current expiration date: driver's license, Utah identification card or check guarantee card.
- 1.3 Verify - to verbally confirm accuracy of given information.

**2.0 Policy**

Except as otherwise provided herein, or where prohibited by law, it is the policy of Salt Lake county, when receipting payments for user fees and other revenues (hereinafter referred to as "receipts"), to require that "over-the-counter" receipts, i.e., those not received through the mail, be in the form of personal check accompanied by a valid form of identification.

- 2.1 If payor is unable to present a valid form of identification, County agencies shall require payment in cash or cash equivalent (cashier's check, money order, etc.).
- 2.2 County agencies shall not refuse acceptance of receipts by personal check if accompanied by a valid form of identification except where legal tender is restricted to cash or other specified mean.
- 2.3 No county employee checks of any type should be "cashed" by county agencies other than the Treasurer's Office. Prior to cashing, a personal check must be approved by the Treasurer, Chief Deputy, Collections Director or Accounting Director. Personal checks over \$250.00 will not be approved.
- 2.4 The cashing of personal checks is a privilege and is provided to employees as a convenience. If an employee misuses the privilege, it will be revoked. Prior to having a personal check cashed, an employee must sign an agreement that if a personal check is returned or dishonored, the funds, along with the maximum amount of fees and costs permitted by law, may be deducted from the employee's paycheck. An employee who has a check returned shall no longer be allowed to cash personal checks through the Treasurer's Office.
- 2.5 No "two-party" checks will be accepted.
- 2.6 Checks shall not be accepted in amounts greater than the amount of "purchase" (i.e., the cost of direct goods or services being paid for by the issuer.

2.7 For receipts that do not fall under this policy (i.e., those from businesses and those not presented over-the-counter), County agencies shall employ whatever means deemed appropriate under the circumstances to prevent the acceptance of bad checks.

**3.0 Exceptions to the Policy**

- 3.1 The following receipts, otherwise subject to this policy, are given specific exemption:
  - 3.1.1 Treasurer’s Office collections of taxes, due to the inconvenience associated with delays caused by long lines;
  - 3.1.2 Bail payments must be in cash or certified check;
  - 3.1.3 Other exceptions shall be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved through established County policy-setting procedures.

**4.0 Administrative Controls and Procedures**

- 4.1 For all circumstances where a valid form of identification is accepted, the accepting agency shall verify the following information on the front of the check: the expiration date, and the issuing financial institution, correct mail address and telephone number. If the address or telephone is not current, the accepting agency will document on the check the current information.
- 4.2 When a valid form of identification is provided, the following information should be documented on the front of the check: expiration date of identification card and either the account number, guarantee number or driver’s identification number.
- 4.3 If the identification has expired or is not issued in the name of the payor, it shall be considered “not valid.” The accepting agency shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the identification is issued in the name of the payor, such as referring to another form of identification with a picture ID.
- 4.4 When a check has been accepted but fails to clear the bank, collection procedures under Countywide Policy 1306, Collections of Bad Checks, should be followed.

APPROVED and PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

David A. Wilson  
Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Sherrie Swensen  
Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathy C. [Signature] July 28, 2011  
District Attorney’s Office Date