



TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS
OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

NO. 21-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS, APPROVING
THE TOWN OF NORTHLAKE INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Northlake, Texas, acknowledges the high priority of providing the necessary guardianship of public funds in the municipal sector; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council expressly intends to set high fiscal standards, delegate treasury and investment duties to appropriate officials, and to review the actual performance at regular intervals; and

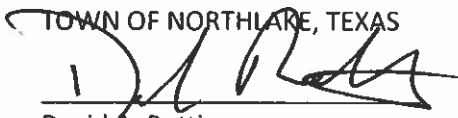
WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby intends to implement investment requirements set forth in Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, Article 4413 (34c) and 2256.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS:

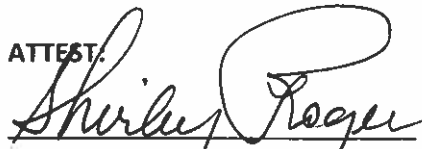
SECTION 1. The Town Council has reviewed and hereby adopts the Town of Northlake Investment Policy June 10, 2021, including all revisions and changes required under State law or recommended by Town staff. This investment policy replaces the investment policy dated June 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2021

TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS


David A. Rettig

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Shirley Rogers, Town Secretary



**INVESTMENT POLICY
TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS**

I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Town that the administration of its funds and the investment of those funds shall be handled as its highest public trust. Investments shall be made in a manner which will provide the maximum security of principal invested through limitations and diversification while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the Town and conforming to all applicable state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

The receipt of a market rate of return will be secondary to the requirements for safety and liquidity. It is the intent of the Town to be in complete compliance with local law and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act"). The earnings from investment will be used in a manner that best serves the interests of the Town.

II. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all the financial assets and funds of the Town. The Town commingles its funds into pooled investment accounts for investment purposes for efficiency and maximum investment opportunity. These funds are defined in the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and include:

- General Fund
- Debt Service Fund
- Utility Funds
- Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund
- Economic Development Corporation Fund
- Community Development Corporation Fund
- Special Court Revenue Funds
- Donations Fund
- Seizure Fund
- Internal Service Funds
- Water, Sewer, and Roadway Impact Fee Funds
- Capital Improvement Projects Funds
- Public Improvement District Fund

Any new funds created by the Town unless specifically exempted by the Town Council and this policy.

III. OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

It is the policy of the Town that all funds shall be managed and invested with six primary objectives, listed in order of their priority: safety, suitability, liquidity, diversification, yield and marketability. Investments are to be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity. The choice of high-grade government investments and high-grade money market instruments are designed to assure the marketability of those investments should liquidity needs arise. To match anticipated cash flow requirements the maximum weighted average maturity of the overall portfolio may not exceed six months. However, under certain market conditions the Investment Officer or authorized delegates may need to shorten or lengthen the average life or duration of the portfolio to protect the Town's investment portfolio.

Safety of Principal

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the Town. Investments of the Town shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to insure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

Suitability

All investments authorized in the Town's Investment Policy are suitable for the Fund types listed in Section II of the policy.

Liquidity

The Town's investment portfolio will be based on a cash flow analysis of needs and will remain sufficiently liquid to enable it to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.

Diversification

Diversification of the portfolio will include diversification by maturity and market sector and will include the use of a number of broker/dealers for diversification and market coverage. Competitive bidding will be used on each sale and purchase.

Yield

The Town's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return, taking into account the Town's risk constraints and the cash flow needs of the portfolio. "Market rate of return" may be defined as the average yield of the current six-month U.S. Treasury Bill.

Marketability

Securities with active and efficient secondary markets are needed in the event of an unanticipated cash requirement.

Effective cash management is recognized as essential to good fiscal management. Cash management is defined as the process of managing monies in order to ensure maximum cash availability. The Town shall maintain a comprehensive cash management program which includes collection of accounts receivable, prudent investment of its available cash, disbursement of payments in accordance with invoice terms and the management of banking services.

IV. LEGAL LIMITATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY

Direct specific investment parameters for the investment of public funds in Texas are found in the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, (the "Act"). The Act is attached as Exhibit A. The Public Funds Collateral Act, Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, specifies collateral requirements for all public fund deposits. All investments will be made in accordance with these statutes.

V. DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

The Town Administrator or his/her designee, acting on behalf of the Town, is designated as the Investment Officer of the Town and is responsible for ensuring that the investment management decisions and activities are conducted in accordance with the Town's Investment Policy. The Administrator is also responsible for considering the quality and capability of staff, investment advisors,

and consultants involved in investment management and procedures. All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

The Investment Officer shall ensure that periodic training in investments for all involved in the investment process is provided through courses and seminars offered by professional organizations and associations in order to ensure the quality and capability of the Town's investment personnel making investment decisions in compliance with the Act.

The Investment Officer shall ensure that all involved in the investment process, to include investment committee members, comply with the ethics guidelines in the Act and disclose any conflicts of interest or personal business relationships that may exist.

The Investment Officer shall develop and maintain written administrative procedures for the operation of the investment program which are consistent with this Investment Policy. Procedures will include reference to safekeeping, require and include the "Bond Market Master Repurchase Agreements" (as applicable), wire transfer agreements, banking services contracts, and other investment related activities.

The Investment Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials and staff. The Investment Officer shall designate a staff person as a liaison/deputy in the event circumstances require timely action and the Investment Officer is not available.

No officer or designee may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this Policy and the procedures established.

Authorization Resolution

A Trading Resolution is established with this investment policy and attached hereto, authorizing the Investment Officer to engage in investment transactions on behalf of the Town. The persons authorized by the Trading Resolution to transact business for the Town are also authorized to approve wire transfers used in the process of investing.

VI. PRUDENCE

The standard of prudence to be used in the investment function shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall portfolio. This standard states:

"Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the expected income to be derived."

Monitoring of Investment Portfolio

The Investment Officer shall monitor the investment portfolio and shall keep the Council informed of significant declines in the market value of the Town's investment portfolio. Information sources may include financial/investment publications, depository banks, commercial or investment banks, financial advisors, and representatives/advisors of investment pools or money market funds. Monitoring shall be done monthly, or as often as economic conditions warrant by using appropriate reports, indices or benchmarks for the type of investment. Upon awareness by investment staff of a downgrade in an

investment in the Town's portfolio, prudent measures shall be taken to liquidate a investment that is downgraded to less than the required minimum rating.

Limitation of Personal Liability

The Investment Officer and those delegated investment authority under this Policy, when acting in accordance with the written procedures and this Policy and in accord with the Prudent Person Rule, shall be relieved of personal liability in the management of the portfolio provided that deviations from expectations for a specific security's credit risk or market price change or portfolio shifts are reported in a timely manner and that appropriate action is taken to control adverse market effects.

VII. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Investment Officer shall establish a system of written internal controls which will be reviewed annually with the independent auditor of the Town. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds due to fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated market changes, or imprudent actions by employees of the Town.

Cash Flow Forecasting

Cash flow forecasting is designed to protect and sustain cash flow requirements of the Town. Supplemental to the financial and budgetary systems, the Investment Officer will maintain a cash flow forecasting process designed to monitor and forecast cash positions for investment purposes.

VIII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Acceptable investments under this policy shall be limited to the instruments listed below and as further described by the Public Funds Investment Act.

- A. Obligations of the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and government sponsoring enterprises, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs);
- B. Fully insured or collateralized certificates of deposit from a bank doing business in the State of Texas and under the terms of a written depository agreement with that bank, not to exceed one year to stated maturity;
- C. Repurchase agreement and reverse repurchase agreements as defined by the Act, not to exceed 90 days to stated maturity, provided an executed Bond Market Master Repurchase Agreement is on file with the Town and the counterparty bank or primary dealer. Flex repurchase agreements used specifically for capital projects may extend beyond two years but only to match the expenditure plan of the projects;
- D. No-load, SEC registered money market funds, not to exceed a weighted average maturity of 90 day, each approved specifically before use by the Town;
- E. Constant dollar Texas Local Government Investment Pools as defined by the Public Funds Investment Act. A pool must be continuously rated no lower than AAA or AAAM or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating agency

- F. Fully insured or collateralized deposits that are invested through a bank doing business in the State of Texas and under the terms stated in Section 2256.009(7-8) of the Texas Local Government Code.

If additional types of securities are approved for investment by public funds by state statute, they will not be eligible for investment by the Town until this policy has been amended and the amended version approved by the Town Council.

Competitive Bidding Requirement

All securities, including certificates of deposit, will be purchased or sold after three (3) offers/bids are taken to verify that the Town is receiving fair market value/price for the investment.

Delivery versus Payment

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the Town, shall be conducted on a delivery versus payment (DVP) basis.

Ratings Downgrade

An Investment that requires a minimum rating does not qualify as an authorized investment during the period the investment does not have the minimum rating. The City shall take all prudent measures that are consistent with its Investment Policy to liquidate an investment that does not have the minimum rating.

IX. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS

All investments made by the Town will be made through either the Town's banking services bank or a primary dealer. The Investment Committee will review the list of authorized broker/dealers annually. A list of at least three broker/dealers will be maintained in order to assure competitive bidding.

Securities broker/dealers must meet certain criteria as determined by the Investment Officer. The following criteria must be met by those firms on the list:

- Provision of an audited financial statement each year,
- Proof of certification by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and provision of CRD number,
- Proof of current registration with the State Securities Commission, and
- Completion of a Town questionnaire.

Every broker/dealer and bank with which the Town transacts business will be provided a copy of this Investment Policy to assure that they are familiar with the goals and objectives of the investment program. A representative of the firm will be required to return a signed certification stating that the Policy has been received and reviewed and that controls are in place to assure that only authorized securities are sold to the Town.

X. DIVERSIFICATION AND MATURITY LIMITATIONS

It is the policy of the Town to diversify its investment portfolio. Invested funds shall be diversified to minimize risk or loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, specific issuer, or specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be established and periodically reviewed. At a minimum, diversification standards by security type and issuer shall be:

<u>Security Type</u>	<u>Max % of Portfolio</u>
U.S. Treasury obligations	100%
U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities	not to exceed 50%
Fully insured or collateralized CDs	not to exceed 30%
Repurchase agreements	100%
Money Market funds	100%
For Bond funds	80%
Local Government Investment Pools	
Liquidity Pools	100%
Maximum percent ownership of pool	not to exceed 10%
For Bond Funds	100%

The Investment Officer shall be required to diversify maturities. The Investment Officer, to the extent possible, will attempt to match investment with anticipated cash flow requirements. Matching maturities with cash flow dates will reduce the need to sell securities prior to maturity, thus reducing market risk. Unless matched to specific requirements, the Investment Officer may not invest more than 20% of the portfolio for a period greater than one (1) year. Unless matched to specific requirements, the Investment Officer may not invest any portion of the portfolio for a period greater than two (2) years. The portfolio's weighted-average maturity shall be limited to 365 days.

XI. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

The laws of the State and prudent treasury management require that all purchased securities be bought on a delivery versus payment basis and be held in safekeeping by either the Town, an independent third-party financial institution, or the Town's designated banking services depository.

All safekeeping arrangements shall be designated by the Investment Officer and an agreement of the terms executed in writing. The third-party custodian shall be required to issue safekeeping receipts to the Town listing each specific security, rate, description, maturity, cusip number, and other pertinent information. Each safekeeping receipt will be clearly marked that the security is held for the Town or pledged to the Town.

All securities pledged to the Town for certificates of deposit or demand deposits shall be held by an independent third-party bank doing business in Texas. The safekeeping bank may not be within the same holding company as the bank with which the securities are pledged.

Collateralization will be required for all time and demand deposits over the applicable FDIC insurance coverage limits and for all repurchase agreements in accordance with the collateralization requirements set forth in the Investment Policy.

In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of additional security for all funds, the collateralization level required will be 102% of the market value of the principal and accrued interest. Collateral will be held by an independent third-party safekeeping agent.

XII. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND REPORTING

The Investment Officer shall submit monthly reports to the Town Administrator and quarterly reports to the Town Council containing sufficient information to permit an informed outside reader to evaluate the performance of the investment program and consistent with statutory requirements. All reports shall be in compliance with the Act. Market prices for market evaluations will be obtained from an independent source.

XIII. DEPOSITORIES

The Town will designate one banking institution through a competitive process as its central banking services provider at least every three years. This institution will be used for normal banking services including disbursements, collections, and safekeeping of securities. Other banking institutions from which the Town may purchase certificates of deposit will also be designated as a depository after they provide their latest audited financial statements to the Town.

XIV. INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

The Town's Investment Policy shall be adopted annually by the Council. The policy and strategies shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Council or a designated Committee of the Council. A written resolution approving the review and any changes to the policy from the review will be passed by the Council and recorded by the Town Secretary.

XV. COMPLIANCE AUDIT

A compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to this investment policy shall be completed in conjunction with the annual financial audit.