

Village of Deer Park Investment Policy

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A. Scope

This Policy applies to the cash management and investment activities of the Village of Deer Park and covers all Village funds. It is the policy of the Village of Deer Park to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Village and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

Pooling of Funds

Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, the Village will consolidate cash and investment balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regard to investment pricing, safekeeping and administration. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles monthly.

B. Objectives

The primary objectives of investment activities, in priority order, shall be Legality, Safety, Liquidity, and Total Return.

1. Legality

The Village's investments, including the Special Service Area Bonds, will be in compliance with all federal, state and other legal statutes and requirements governing the investment of public funds.

2. Safety

Safety of principal, along with legality, is the foremost objectives of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk, custodial credit risk, and interest rate risk in the overall portfolio. The Village shall diversify its investments to minimize risks regarding individual securities.

a. Credit Risk

Credit Risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Village will minimize credit risk by:

- Limiting investments to the types of securities listed in Section E of this Investment Policy.

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- Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisers with which the Village will do business in accordance with Section D.1. Of this policy.
- Diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or from any one individual issuer will be minimized.

b. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank or counterparty failure, the Village's collateral securing uninsured deposits or investments may not be recovered. The Village will minimize custodial credit risk over deposits with financial institutions by ensuring that all deposits with financial institutions are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Village's agent in the Village's name.—All investments shall be conducted on a Delivery vs Payment (DVP) basis. Securities will be held by a third-party securities custodian designated by the Village separate from where the investment was purchased.

c. Interest Rate Risk

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Village will minimize interest rate risk by:

- Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity.
- Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the weighted average maturity of the portfolio to no more than two years and limiting the maximum maturity of any investment to three years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific future cash flow need.

3. Liquidity

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. (The Village's Fund Policy states that the Village will maintain a combined unrestricted fund balance at 25% of the subsequent year's budget). This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary

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or resale markets. Alternatively, a portion of the portfolio may also be placed in local government investment pools which offer same-day liquidity for short-term funds.

4. Total Return

The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the legality, safety and liquidity objectives described above. Return on investments is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. At a minimum, the Village will maintain a return on investments comparable to the Illinois Fund and the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund.

C. Standards of Care

1. Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person,” which 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 probably safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived” and shall be applied in the context of managing the entire portfolio.

Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Village officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial or investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Village.

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3. Delegation of Authority

Authority to manage the investment program is granted to the Village Treasurer derived from the following: 30 ILCS 235 et. seq. The Village Treasurer or designee establishes written procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program that is consistent with the investment policy. **Procedures should include references to safekeeping, delivery vs. payment, investment accounting, repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, and collateral/depository agreements.** No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Village Treasurer. The Village Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials, including outside investment managers.

D. Safekeeping and Custody

1. Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions

A list will be maintained of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list also will be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by creditworthiness (e.g., a minimum capital requirement of \$10,000,000 and at least five years of operation). These may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule).

All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the following as appropriate:

- Audited financial statements.
- Proof of National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) certification.
- Proof of state registration.
- Completed broker/dealer questionnaire.
- Certification of having read and understood and agreeing to comply with the Village's investment policy.

An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified bidders will be conducted by the Village Administrator.

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2. Internal Controls

The Village Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the entity are protected from loss, theft or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived and the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

Accordingly, the Village Treasurer shall establish a process for an annual independent review by an external auditor to assure compliance with policies and procedures. The internal controls shall address the following points:

- Control of collusion.
- Separation of transaction authority from accounting and recordkeeping.
- Custodial safekeeping.
- Avoidance of physical-delivery securities.
- Clear delegation of authority to subordinate staff members.
- Written confirmation of telephone transactions for investments and wire transfers.
- Dual authorizations of wire transfers.
- Development of a wire transfer agreement with the lead bank or third party custodian.

3. Delivery vs Payment

All trades of marketable securities will be executed by delivery vs. payment (DVP) to ensure that securities are deposited in an eligible Village custodian prior to the release of funds.

4. Safekeeping

Securities will be held by a [centralized] independent third-party custodian selected by the Village as evidenced by safekeeping receipts in the Village's name and a written custodial agreement. The safekeeping institution shall annually provide a copy of their most recent report on internal controls (Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70, or SAS 70).

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E. Suitable and Authorized Investments

1. Investment Types

Except as modified herein all investments purchased under this policy shall be guided by the Public Funds Investment Act 30 ILCS 235 et seq. and all revisions thereto, as may be made by the Illinois Legislature. Below is a summary of acceptable investments as determined by the Assistant Village Administrator in compliance with the applicable statute:

- a. U.S. government obligations, U.S. government agency obligations, and U.S. government instrumentality obligations, which have a liquid market with a readily determinable market value and are rated A or better by a nationally recognized ratings agency.
- b. Certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at financial institutions, bankers' acceptances, and commercial paper, rated in the three highest tier (e.g., A-1, P-1, D-1, or F-1 or higher) by a nationally recognized rating agency
- c. Investment-grade obligations (rated A or better by a nationally recognized ratings agency) of state, provincial and local governments and public authorities.
- d. Money market mutual funds regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and whose portfolios consist only of dollar-denominated securities.
- e. Local government investment pools.

Investment in derivatives shall be prohibited without the approval of the Board of Trustees of the above instruments shall require authorization by the appropriate governing authority.

2. Collateralization

Monies held in depository accounts, time deposit accounts, or money market mutual funds, or invested in the certificates of deposit of financial institutions (banks, savings and loan associations, or credit unions) in excess of FDIC or SAIF insurance shall be secured by some form of collateral. The Village will accept the following assets as collateral:

- (a) U.S. Government securities.
- (b) Obligations of federal agencies.
- (c) Obligations of federal instrumentalities.

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(d) General obligation bonds of any United States or local government rated “A” or better (i.e., at least upper medium quality) by Moody’s Investors Service, Standard & Poor’s Rating Service, or Fitch Investors Service.

F. Investment Parameters

1. Diversification

The investments shall be diversified by:

- Limiting investments to avoid overconcentration in securities from a specific issuer or business sector (excluding U.S. Treasury securities). No more than 10% of the portfolio can be invested in any one investment.
- Limiting investment in securities that have higher credit risks.
- Investing in securities with varying maturities.
- Continuously investing a portion of the portfolio in readily available funds such as local government investment pools (LGIPs), money market funds or overnight repurchase agreements to ensure that appropriate liquidity is maintained in order to meet ongoing obligations.

2. Maximum Maturities

To the extent possible, the Village shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, the Village will not directly invest in securities maturing more than three (3) years from the date of purchase. The Village shall adopt weighted average maturity limitations, consistent with the investment objectives, as previously noted.

Reserve funds and other funds with longer-term investment horizons may be invested in securities exceeding five (5) years if the maturity of such investments are made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of funds. The intent to invest in these types of securities shall be disclosed in writing to the Board of Trustees.

Because of inherent difficulties in accurately forecasting cash flow requirements, a portion of the portfolio should be continuously invested in readily available funds such as local government investment pools, money market funds, or overnight repurchase agreements to ensure that appropriate liquidity is maintained to meet ongoing obligations.

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G. Reporting

The Village Treasurer shall prepare an Investment Held report monthly. The report should be provided to the Village Administrator and the Village Board Finance Officer. The report will include the following:

- Listing of individual securities held, by fund, at the end of the reporting period reporting at current market value of each security.

H. Performance Standards

The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The portfolio should obtain a market average rate of return during a market/economic environment of stable interest rates. Portfolio performance should be compared to appropriate benchmarks on a regular basis. The benchmarks shall be reflective of the actual securities being purchased and risks undertaken, and the benchmark shall have a similar weighted average maturity as the portfolio.