ORDINANCE NO. 14-027

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, Texas Government Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act") authorizes a municipality to purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in investments authorized under the Act in compliance with investment policies approved by the governing body and according to the standard of care prescribed by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the City review the City's investment policy and investment strategies no less than annually; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the attached investment policy and investment strategies complies with the Act and authorizes the investment of City funds in safe and prudent investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley:

That the City of Leon Valley Investment Policy, attached hereto, and the investment strategies provided for therein has been reviewed by the City Council and is hereby adopted as the investment policy of the City of Leon Valley effective November 10, 2014 with no changes.

DULY PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley this the 10th day of November 2014.

ATTEST:

Saundra Passailaigue, TRMS

APPROVED:

Chris Riley, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

City of Leon Valley
Investment Policy

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I. PURPOSE

A. Introduction

This investment policy documents policies and procedures to be followed by the City of Leon Valley, Texas (City), to ensure the proper investment of public funds. This policy will be reviewed by the City Council annually. At such time, the City Council will adopt by ordinance a policy that (1) states that the investment policy has been reviewed and (2) enumerates the changes to be made to the policy.

B. Statutory Authority

This policy serves to satisfy the statutory requirements of defining and adopting a formal investment policy in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Article 342a-2 V.T.C.S.

C. Scope

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the City, held in all funds.

II. OBJECTIVES

The City's investment program will be conducted to accomplish the following objectives, listed in priority order:

A. Safety

The primary objective of the City's investment program is the preservation and safety of principal in the overall portfolio. Each investment transaction shall seek first to ensure that capital losses are avoided, whether they are from security defaults or erosion of market value.

B. Liquidity

The City's investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City to meet operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated. Liquidity shall be achieved by matching investment maturities with forecasted cash flow requirements; thereby avoiding the need to liquidate investments under adverse market condition. It is the intent of the City to invest its funds to maturity.

C. Diversification

The investment portfolio will be designed to limit risk by avoiding the concentration of assets with a specific maturity, with a specific issuer, or in a specific class of securities.

D. Yield

A fundamental rule of investing is that risk equals return. The City has deliberately established a low risk threshold to protect its financial resources and ensure that cash is available when needed. The City will invest idle cash at the highest possible rate of return, consistent with the objectives and provisions of this policy, and in compliance with state and federal laws governing the investment of public funds.

III. STANDARDS OF CARE

A. Prudence

The standard of care used by the City shall be the "prudent person" standard which shall be applied in the context of managing the overall portfolio within the applicable legal constraints. The Public Funds Investment Act states:

"Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, that 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 probable income to be derived."

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust. Investment Officers shall avoid any transactions that might impair public confidence in the City's ability to govern effectively. The City Council recognizes that in maintaining a diversified portfolio, occasional measured losses due to market volatility are inevitable, and must be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's investment return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented.

B. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Investment officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or that which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Investment Officers and subordinate employees shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions or broker/dealer firms with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Investment Officers and subordinate employees shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual(s) with whom business is conducted on behalf of the City.

C. Delegation of Authority

Management responsibility for the investment program is delegated to the City Manager and the Finance Director. As Investment Officers for the City, the City Manager and Finance Director are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the investment program and shall supervise the activities of subordinate employees. No person may engage in investment transactions except as provided under the terms of this policy.

D. Training

Investment Officers shall attend at least one training session related to their duties as Investment Officers within 12 months of assuming office or duties; a training session not less than once in a two-year period that begins on the first day of the City of Leon Valley's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive years after that date; each training session shall contain not less than 10 hours of training. This training must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks and compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act.
The training provider must be an independent provider approved by City Council. The City Council hereby authorizes the following entities to serve as qualified training providers for the City:

1. The Texas Municipal League, or any of its affiliate organizations;

2. The Government Treasurers Organization of Texas;

3. The Government Finance Officers Association;

4. The State of Texas, Comptroller's Office, or any other department/division of the State of Texas;

5. The University of Texas at Austin, or any other public University or College of higher education in Texas;

6. Investment pool administrators to include LOGIC, Texpool and Lone Star Investment Pool; and

7. Other training providers as approved by the City Council.

E. Indemnity

Investment Officers and subordinate employees, acting in accordance with the provisions of this investment policy, shall not be held personally liable for a specific security's credit risk or market price change, provided that any unexpected deviations are reported in a timely manner and that appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

IV. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

A. Investment Types

The following investments are permitted under this policy, in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act:

1. Certificates of Deposit. Fully insured or collateralized certificates issued by state and national banks, a savings bank, or a state and federal credit union domiciled in the State of Texas.

2. U.S. Treasuries and Agencies. Securities issued by the United States Treasury or its Governmental Agencies. U. S. Treasuries and Agencies are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

3. Obligations of the States, agencies thereof, Counties, Cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm, and having received a rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent.

4. Repurchase Agreements. Repurchase agreements that are fully collateralized by U.S. Treasuries or Agencies guaranteed as to principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

5. Investment Pools. Investment pools that meet the following criteria:

   a. An investment pool must provide an offering circular or other similar disclosure instrument and provide monthly transaction reporting.
   b. A public funds investment pool created to function as a money market mutual fund must (1) mark its portfolio to market daily, (2) include in its investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of $1 for each share and (3) be continuously rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAA-m" or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service.
   c. An investment pool must invest solely in (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, (2) repurchase agreements involving those same obligations and (3) SEC regulated AAA no-load money market mutual funds with a weighted average of maturity of 60 days or less and an investment objective of a $1.00 stable net asset value.

6. **Money Market Mutual Funds.** No-load money market mutual funds if the fund:

   a. Is registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC);

   b. Provides a prospectus and other information required by federal law.

   c. Invests exclusively in U.S. Treasuries or Agencies and/or repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations;

   d. Has a dollar-weighted average stated maturity of 90 days or less; and

   e. Includes in its investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of $1 per share.

7. Other Investments. Other as approved by the City Council and not prohibited by law.

B. Prohibited Investments

City Investment Officers and employees have no authority to invest in any of the following instruments which are strictly prohibited by the Public Funds Investment Act:

1. Obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal;

2. Obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and bears no interest;

3. Collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity date of greater than ten years; and

4. Collateralized mortgage obligations whereby the interest rate is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

C. Length of Investments

The City intends to match the holding period of investment funds with liquidity needs of the City. In no case will the average maturity of investments of the City's operating funds exceed one year. The maximum final stated maturity of any investment shall not exceed five years.

The Investment Officer will monitor rating changes in Investment acquired with public funds that require a minimum rating and shall take all prudent measures that are consistent with its investment policy to liquidate an investment that does not have the minimum rating thereby making that investment an unauthorized investment.

D. Measuring Market Value

The City's investment portfolio will be designed with the objective of using the 13-week U.S. Treasury Bill as a basis to determine whether market yields are being achieved.

V. SELECTION OF BANKS AND DEALERS

The City will only purchase investments from financial institutions and broker/dealer firms as approved by the City Council. All institutions and brokers/dealers are required to supply a Certification Form signed by a qualified representative of the firm stating that the City's investment policy has been reviewed and that reasonable procedures and controls are in place to preclude unauthorized investment transactions (Appendix A). Transactions are unauthorized unless this certification is on file with the City.

A. Depository

1. **Bidding Process**. Depositories shall be selected through the City's banking service

procurement process, which shall include a formal request for proposals at least every five years. In selecting depositories, the City shall evaluate the credit worthiness of the institution and shall thoroughly review the institution's financial history and financial statements.

2. **Insurability**. Depositories shall provide evidence that deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

B. Investment Dealers

A broker/dealer may be used by the City only if the broker/dealer is:

1. Included on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's list of primary government securities dealers, or is licensed by the State of Texas and is recommended in writing by at least three Texas cities.

2. Regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

3. A member in good standing of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD).

4. Able to provide immediate disclosure to the City whenever the broker/dealer's capital position falls short of the capital adequacy standard.

5. Able to provide independent certification by an outside auditor or similar agency that the broker/dealer complied with the capital adequacy standard on its most recent year-end balance sheet date.

VI. SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

A. Insurance or Collateral

All deposits and investments of City funds other than direct purchases of U.S. Treasuries or U.S. Agencies shall be (1) guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or (2) be fully collateralized as required by the Texas Public Funds Collateral Act. Pledged collateral must maintain a market value equal to at least 102 percent of total deposits and investments, less an amount insured by the FDIC. Repurchase agreements shall be documented by a specific agreement noting the collateral pledged in each agreement.

Securities pledged as collateral must be held by an independent third party in the State of Texas. Evidence of pledged collateral shall be provided to the City and reviewed monthly to ensure the market value of the securities pledged equals or exceeds the value of total deposits and investments.

B. Types of Collateral

The City of Leon Valley shall accept only the following as collateral:

1. FDIC insurance coverage.

2. United States Treasuries and Agencies.

3. Texas State, City, County, School or Road District bonds with a remaining maturity of ten (10) years or less with an investment grade bond rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent from a nationally recognized investment rating firm.

C. Audit

All collateral shall be subject to inspection and audit by the City.

D. Delivery vs. Payment

With the exception of investment pools and mutual funds, all investment transactions will be executed using the delivery versus payment method. That is, City funds shall not be released until verification has been made that the purchased security or collateral has been received by a third party/safekeeping agent (Trustee). The security or collateral shall be held in the name of or held on behalf of the City. The Trustee's records shall evidence the City's ownership of or explicit claim on the securities. The original copy of all safekeeping receipts shall be delivered to the City.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Quarterly Reports

Not less than quarterly, the Investment Officers shall prepare and submit to the City Council, an investment report that describes in detail the investment position of the City as of the date of the report. These reports will be prepared to allow the City Council to ascertain whether investment activities have conformed to the City's investment policy.

Quarterly investment reports will summarize recent market conditions, economic developments and anticipated investment conditions. Reports must be signed and dated by both the City Manager and the Finance Director and must contain the following statement: "This report is in full compliance with the investment strategies as established by the City of Leon Valley Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act."

At a minimum, quarterly reports submitted to the City Council will include the following:

1. A summary statement of investment activity for each pooled fund group prepared in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to include fully accrued interest for the reporting period. The summary shall also state the:

    a. Beginning market value for the reporting period.
    b. Additions and changes to the market value during the period.
    c. Ending market value for the period.

2. State the book value and market value of each separately invested asset at the beginning and end of the reporting period by fund type.

3. State the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date.

B. Annual Report

Within sixty (60) days of the end of the fiscal year, the Investment Officers shall prepare a comprehensive annual report on the investment program and investment activity. This annual report will be presented to the City Council and will include investment activities for the entire fiscal year and shall suggest policy revisions and improvements that might enhance the investment program. At such time, the City Council shall pass an ordinance to document its review of the City's investment policies and strategies. This ordinance shall also document whether changes or revisions to investment policies and/or strategies are required.

VIII. INTERNAL CONTROLS AND ANNUAL REVIEW

A. Internal Controls

The City strives to effectively prevent the loss of public funds caused by fraud, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, employee error or imprudent actions by City employees. Internal controls have been designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management. The following guidelines establish a system of internal controls over investment procedures for the City of Leon Valley.

1. **Separation of Duties**. A separation of custodial, accounting and record keeping systems shall be maintained to the extent possible.

2. **Clear Delegation of Authority**. The City Manager and City Accountant are charged with management responsibility for the investment program.

3. **Adequate Training and Development of Investment Officials**. All Investment Officials are to be educated in the area of investment management in order to make informed decisions.

4. **Control of Collusion.** All investment transactions must be approved by two duly authorized Investment Officers or subordinate employees. Subordinate employees are designated by the City Manager.

5. **Documentation of Investments**. Purchase and sales transactions, including telephone

transactions, must be documented in writing and evidenced by the signatures of two duly authorized Investment Officers or subordinate employees. A copy of such documentation shall be placed in an investment transaction file to be maintained in the City's Finance department.

6. **Verification of all Interest Income and Security Purchase and Sell Computations**. All investment interest income, fees, gains and/or losses shall be recalculated monthly by the Finance department.

7. **Reconcilement of Security Receipts with Subsidiary Records**. All security safekeeping receipts shall be reconciled to the general ledger monthly by the Finance department.

8. **Custodial Safekeeping**. Securities purchased from any bank or dealer including appropriate collateral shall be placed with an independent third party for custodial safekeeping.

9. **Avoidance of Bearer-Form Securities.** Negotiable securities are more susceptible to misappropriation than book entry only securities and must be properly safeguarded against loss, destruction or fraud.

B. Annual Review

The City shall engage an external independent auditor to conduct an annual review of the City's investment policies, investment procedures, and quarterly and annual investment reports to ensure compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act. This audit is to be performed by a Certified Public Accountant in conjunction with the City's annual financial audit and shall be reported to the City Council during the same meeting at which the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is presented.

The Public Funds Investment Act states that if the City's investment portfolio is limited to money market mutual funds, investment pools, or depository bank investments such as certificates of deposit or money market accounts, the City is not subject to this formal annual review.

APPENDIX A

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have personally read and understand the investment policy of the City of Leon Valley and have implemented reasonable procedures and controls designed to fulfill these objectives and conditions. Transactions between this firm and the City of Leon Valley will be directed toward precluding imprudent investment activities and protecting the City from credit and market risk.

This firm pledges due diligence in informing the City of Leon Valley of foreseeable risks associated with financial transactions connected to this firm.

I attest that I am a qualified representative of this firm, authorized to sign on its behalf.

_____
Firm

_____
Signature

_____
Name

_____
Title

_____

Date

GLOSSARY

AGENCIES: Federal agency securities.

ASKED: The price at which securities are offered.

BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE (BA): A draft or bill or exchange accepted by a bank or trust company. The accenting institution guarantees payment of the bill, as well as the issuer.

BID: The price offered by a buyer of securities. (When you are selling securities, you ask for a bid.) See Offer.

BROKER: A broker brings buyers and sellers together for a commission.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD): A time deposit with a specific maturity evidenced by a certificate. Large-denomination CD's are typically negotiable.

COLLATERAL: Securities, evidence of deposit or other property which a borrower pledges to secure repayment of a loan. Also refers to securities by a bank to secure deposits of public monies.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR): The official annual report for the City of Leon Valley.

COUPON: (a) The annual rate of interest that bond issuers promises to pay the bondholder on the bond's face value. (B) A certificate attached to a bond evidencing due on a payment date.

DEALER: A dealer, as opposed to a broker, acts as a principal in all transactions, buying and selling from his own account.

DEBENTURE: A bond secured only by the general credit of the issuer.

DELIVERY VERSUS PAYMENT: There are two (2) methods of delivery of securities: delivery versus payment and delivery versus receipt. Delivery versus payment is delivery of securities with an exchange of money for the securities. Delivery versus receipt is delivery of securities with an exchange of a signed receipt for the securities.

DISCOUNT: The difference between the cost price of a security and its maturity when quoted at lower than face value. A security selling below original offering price after sale also is considered to be at a discount.

DISCOUNT SECURITIES: Non-interest bearing money market instruments that are issued a discount and redeemed at maturity for full face value, e.g. U.S. Treasury Bills.
DIVERSIFICATION: Dividing investment funds among a variety of securities offering independent returns.

FEDERAL CREDIT AGENCIES: Agencies of the Federal government set up to supply credit to various classes of agencies.