

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MORGAN COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY AND
AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS
FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN (5) YEARS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Morgan County 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 County and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investments of public funds; and,

WHEREAS, I.C. § 5-13-9-5.7 authorizes the fiscal body of a political subdivision to adopt an investment policy authorizing the investment of public funds of the political subdivision for more than (2) years and not more than five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, I.C. § 5-13-9-5.7(c) further authorizes the fiscal body of a political subdivision to adopt an ordinance authorizing its investing officer to make investments having a stated final maturity that is more than two (2) years but not more than five (5) years after the date of purchase or entry into a repurchase agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code limits the total investments lasting more than 2 years and not more than five (5) years to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the political subdivision, including balances in transaction accounts; and,

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of Finance has adopted the Morgan County Investment Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit A, and which is also incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Morgan County Investment Policy, as attached hereto and incorporated herein, is approved and adopted by the Council.
2. The investing officer, the Morgan County Board of Finance, and any other official(s), agent(s), employee(s), or other such person(s) as may from time to time participate in decisions concerning the investments of the County shall be guided in such determinations and recommendations by the Policy.
3. The Council authorizes the investing officer to make investments having a stated final maturity that is more than two (2) years, but not more than five (5) years after the date of purchase, in accordance with I.C. § 5-13-9-5.7(a) and (b). This authority expires on the same date on which the Morgan County Investment Policy expires, as stated below, and which may not be more than four (4) years from the date this Ordinance is adopted.

4. At the time an investment of public funds of the County is made having a stated final maturity that is more than two (2) years, but not more than five (5) years, the total of such investments of the County may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the County, including balances in transaction accounts.
5. The investing officer may contract with a federally regulated investment advisor or other institutional money manager to make such investments.
6. This Ordinance shall remain in effect in all respects, unless subsequent authority invalidates any part or provision herein, or if the Council adopts an ordinance to repeal, replace, or amend this Ordinance, or at such time as this Ordinance expires, which shall be May 3, 2027.
7. The Morgan County Investment Policy, as attached hereto, shall also expire on May 3, 2027.
8. Any and all investment policies previously adopted by the Council are hereby revoked and terminated.

ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL, ON THIS 3rd DAY OF May, 2023.

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INVESTMENT POLICY MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

- I. **Purpose.** The purpose of this investment policy (the "Policy") is to set forth the investment objectives and parameters for the management of public funds of Morgan County, Indiana (the "County"). This investment policy is designed to safeguard funds on behalf of the County, to assure the availability of funds when needed, and provide a competitive investment return.
- II. **Scope.** This policy applies to the investment of all funds of the County including but not limited to, the general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, project funds and trust and agency funds. The County may consolidate fund balances to increase investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regard to investment pricing, banking fees and administration. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- III. **General Objectives.** The primary objectives, in priority order, of investment activities shall be safety, liquidity, and return:
 - A. **Safety.** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital. The objective will be to minimize credit risk and interest rate risk.
 1. **Credit Risk.** The County will minimize credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by limiting investments to the types of securities listed in Section VI of this Investment Policy.
 2. **Interest Rate Risk.** The County will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities prior to maturity.
 - B. **Liquidity.** The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. 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, a portion of the portfolio may be placed in money market mutual funds or government investment pools which offer same day liquidity for short-term funds.
 - C. **Yield.** 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 investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed.
- IV. **Standards of Care.**
 - A. **Delegation of Authority.** The County Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as the Investment Officer, shall be responsible to oversee the day-to-day management of the County's investments pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-13-9 et. seq. Should the County elect

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to select an outside investment advisor, such advisor or firm must be registered under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940.

- B. Prudence. The standard of prudence to be used by the Investment Officer shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing all funds of the County. The "prudent person" standard states that, "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 probable income to be derived."
- C. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. The Investment Officer 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. The Investment Officer and employees shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio.

V. Authorized Financial Institutions and Broker/Dealers.

- A. Authorized Financial Institutions and Broker/Dealers. A list will be maintained of local financial institutions that are approved depositories for the receipt of public funds according to the State Board for Depositories. The County may pass a resolution pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5 expanding the list of approved financial institutions to include all Indiana depositories approved for the receipt of public funds according to the Indiana State Board for Depositories.
- B. In addition, the County will only use broker/dealers that meet the following requirements:
1. Primary dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule);
 2. Capital of no less than \$10,000,000;
 3. Registered as a dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
 4. A member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD);
 5. Proof of state registration

VI. Suitable and Authorized Investments. Consistent with Indiana Code 5-13-9, the following investments will be permitted by this Policy:

- A. Securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Treasury or fully guaranteed by the United States and issued by any of the following:
1. The United States Treasury.
 2. A federal agency.
 3. A federal instrumentality
 4. A federal government sponsored enterprise.
- B. Securities fully guaranteed and issued by any of the following:
1. A federal agency.
 2. A federal instrumentality.
 3. A federal government sponsored enterprise.

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- C. Municipal securities issued by an Indiana local governmental entity, a quasi-governmental entity related to the state, or a unit of government, municipal corporation, or special taxing district in Indiana, if the issuer has not defaulted on any of the issuer's obligations within the twenty (20) years preceding the date of the purchase, in accordance with IC 5-13-9-2.
- D. Money market mutual funds rated AAA, or its equivalent, by Standard and Poor's Corporation or Aaa, or its equivalent, by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. in accordance with IC 5-13-9-2.5.
- E. Repurchase agreements in accordance with IC 5-13-9-3.
- F. Transaction accounts, certificates of deposit and deposit accounts issued or offered by a designated depository of the County's political subdivision. The investing officer making a deposit in a certificate of deposit shall obtain quotes from each designated depository in accordance with IC 5-13-9-4.
- G. Certificates of deposit authorized by a resolution of the County in accordance with IC 5-13-9-5 and 5-13-9-5.3.
- H. Local government investment pools in accordance with IC 5-13-9-11.

VII. Investment Parameters.

- A. Maximum Maturities. The County's investments must have a stated final maturity of not more than two years pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.6. 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.

The County may adopt an ordinance, pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.7, authorizing its Investment Officer to make investments having a stated final maturity that is more than two (2) years but not more than five (5) years after the date of purchase. The total investments of the County with maturities of two (2) to five (5) years outstanding at the time of purchase may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of its total portfolio of public funds invested, including balances in transaction accounts. Such ordinance expires on the date on which this Policy expires, which may not exceed four (4) years.

- B. Competitive Bids. The Investment Officer or its designee shall obtain competitive bids for investment with financial institutions in accordance with IC 5-13-9-4. The Investment Officer or its designee shall obtain bids from at least two brokers or financial institutions on all purchases of investment instruments on the secondary market. Overnight sweep investment instruments shall not be subject to this section.

VIII. Policy Considerations.

- A. Adoption and Expiration. This Policy shall be adopted by the County at a public meeting and shall expire four (4) years from the date of adoption in accordance with IC 5-13-9-5.7.

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- B. Exemption. Any investment currently held that does not meet the guidelines of this policy shall be exempted from the requirements of this policy. At maturity or liquidation, such monies shall be reinvested only as provided by this policy.
- C. Amendments. This policy shall be reviewed periodically. Any changes must be approved by the Investment Officer and the County Council.
- D. Authority to Invest. As specified in I.C. § 5-13-9-1, the County Treasurer is designated as investment officer. If the Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of investment, the Chief Deputy Treasurer is then designated to assume these investment duties. These investment duties shall be conducted in conformity with this Policy and under the guidance and recommendations of the Morgan County Board of Finance, and as further directed by the Morgan County Council, as authorized by I.C. § 5-13 et. seq. and all authority related thereto.