

**AMENDED AND RESTATED CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS  
NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.  
(AS ADOPTED ON JULY 1, 2020)**

The following shall constitute the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (the “Corporation”):

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Corporation (the “Code of Business Conduct and Ethics”) covers a wide range of business practices and procedures. It does not cover every issue that may arise, but it sets out basic principles to guide all employees, officers and directors of the Corporation. All of our employees, officers and directors must conduct themselves accordingly and seek to avoid even the appearance of improper behavior.

If a law conflicts with a policy in this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, you must comply with the law; however, if a local custom or policy conflicts with this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, you must comply with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. If you have any questions about these conflicts, you should ask your supervisor how to handle the situation.

Those who violate the standards in this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include, without limitation, termination of your employment. If you are in a situation that you believe may violate or lead to a violation of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, please follow the guidelines described in Section XV and Section XVII of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

**II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Obeying the law, as well as applicable rules and regulations, both in letter and in spirit, are the foundation on which this Corporation’s ethical standards are built. All of our employees, officers and directors must respect and obey the laws of the municipalities, states and countries in which we operate. Although not all employees, officers and directors are expected to know the details of these laws, it is important to know enough to determine when to seek advice from supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel.

The Corporation may hold information and training sessions to promote compliance with laws, rules and regulations.

**III. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

A “conflict of interest” exists when an individual’s private interest interferes, or appears to interfere, with the interests of the Corporation. A conflict situation can arise when our employee, officer or director takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her services to the Corporation objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest also may arise when our employee, officer or director, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Corporation. Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, our employees, officers or directors or their family members may create conflicts of interest. Loans to directors and executive officers are expressly prohibited.

It is almost always a conflict of interest for any employee to work simultaneously for a competitor, customer or supplier. Accordingly, you are not allowed to work for a competitor as a consultant or board member. The best policy is to avoid any direct or indirect business connection with our customers, suppliers or competitors, except on our behalf.

Conflicts of interest are prohibited as a matter of Corporation policy, except under guidelines approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board of Directors”) such as the Corporation’s Related Person Transaction Policy. Conflicts of interest may not always be clearcut, so if you have a question, you should consult with higher levels of management or the Corporation’s General Counsel. Any employee, officer or director who becomes aware of a conflict or a potential or apparent conflict should bring it to the attention of the Chair of the Corporation’s Audit Committee, and if appropriate, a supervisor, manager or other appropriate personnel within the Corporation, or consult the procedures described in Section XV and Section XVII of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or the Corporation’s Related Person Transaction Policy, as applicable.

#### **IV. INSIDER TRADING**

Employees, officers and directors who have access to confidential information are not permitted to use or share that information for stock trading purposes or for any other purpose except the conduct of our business. All non-public information about the Corporation should be considered confidential information. To use non-public information for personal financial benefit or to “tip” others who might make an investment decision on the basis of this information is not only unethical but also illegal. If you have any questions about this subject, please consult the Corporation’s Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel. You are reminded that the Corporation has a separate and distinct Insider Trading Policy, to which each of our employees, officers, and directors is subject. Please refer to that policy and ensure your compliance with it as it relates to insider trading.

#### **V. CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES**

Employees, officers and directors are prohibited from taking for themselves personally (or for the benefit of friends or family members) opportunities that are discovered through the use of corporate property, information or position without the consent of the Board of Directors. No employee, officer or director may use corporate property, information, or position for improper personal gain (including gain of friends or family members), and no employee may compete with the Corporation directly or indirectly. Employees, officers and directors owe a duty to the Corporation to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises.

#### **VI. COMPETITION AND FAIR DEALING**

We seek to outperform our competition fairly and honestly. We seek competitive advantages through superior performance, never through unethical or illegal business practices. Stealing proprietary information, possessing trade secret information that was obtained without the owner’s consent, or inducing such disclosures by past or present employees of other companies is prohibited. Each employee, officer and director should endeavor to respect the rights of and deal fairly with the Corporation’s customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. No employee,

officer or director should take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other intentional unfair-dealing practice.

The purpose of business entertainment and gifts in a commercial setting is to create good will and sound working relationships, not to gain unfair advantage with customers or violate laws such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the “FCPA”). No gift or entertainment should ever be offered, given, provided or accepted by any Corporation employee, officer or director or family member of an employee, officer or director or agent unless it: (1) is not a cash gift; (2) is consistent with customary business practices; (3) cannot be construed as a bribe or payoff; and (4) does not violate any laws or regulations. Furthermore, no gifts may be made to any government officials as that term is defined by the FCPA. Please discuss with your supervisor any gifts or proposed gifts that you are not certain are appropriate. Employees are generally required to refrain from accepting gifts from brokers, vendors, suppliers or other persons in a business relationship with the Corporation; provided, however, that customary business lunches, dinners and entertainment may be accepted.

## **VII. DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT**

Equal employment opportunity has been, and will continue to be, a fundamental principle at the Corporation, where employment is based upon personal capabilities and qualifications without discrimination. We will not tolerate discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, gender, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, mental retardation, learning disability, physical disability (where the applicant or employee is qualified to perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation), marital status, pregnancy, genetic information, sexual orientation or any other protected characteristic as established by law, in recruiting, hiring, compensation, benefits, termination or other terms or conditions of employment.

Corporation policy strictly prohibits any form of harassment in the workplace, including sexual harassment. This policy applies to conduct that is made a condition of employment, is used as a basis for employment decisions, creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment or unreasonably interferes with an individual’s work performance.

If you believe you have been subject to harassment of any kind, you should promptly report the incident to your manager, the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel.

Complaints of harassment or discrimination will be investigated promptly and will be kept confidential to the extent reasonably possible. Employees who engage in acts of harassment and discrimination are subject to corrective action that may include termination of employment. The Corporation will not retaliate against anyone for making a good faith complaint or report of harassment or discrimination or participating in the investigation of the complaint or report. Retaliation is a serious violation of the Corporation’s discrimination and harassment policy and, like discrimination or harassment itself, may subject the offender to corrective action that may include termination of employment.

## **VIII. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Corporation strives to provide each employee with a safe and healthful work environment. Each employee has responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all employees by following safety and health rules and practices and reporting accidents, injuries and unsafe equipment, practices or conditions.

Violence and threatening behavior are not permitted. Employees should report to work in condition to perform their duties, free from the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. The use of illegal drugs in the workplace will not be tolerated.

## **IX. RECORD-KEEPING**

The Corporation requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information in order to make responsible business decisions. For example, only the true and actual number of hours worked should be reported.

Many employees regularly use business expense accounts, which must be documented and recorded accurately. If you are not sure whether a certain expense is legitimate, ask your supervisor, the Chief Financial Officer or the Controller. Rules and guidelines regarding business expense accounts are available from the Corporation's Accounting Department.

All of the Corporation's books, records, accounts and financial statements must be maintained in reasonable detail, must appropriately reflect the Corporation's transactions and must conform both to applicable legal requirements and to the Corporation's system of internal controls. Unrecorded or "off the books" funds or assets should not be maintained unless permitted by applicable law or regulation, and fully disclosed to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

Business records and communications often become public, and we should avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, guesswork, or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies that can be misunderstood. This applies equally to, among other things, e-mail, internal memos, text messages, voice mail messages, messages posted to social networking or other internet websites, and formal reports. Records should always be retained or destroyed according to the Corporation's record retention policies, if any are in place at the relevant time. In accordance with those policies, in the event of litigation or governmental investigation it is essential to follow the advice of the Corporation's legal counsel. Whenever litigation or an investigation is pending or threatened, every potentially relevant document must be preserved unless destruction has been approved by the Corporation's legal counsel.

## **X. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Employees, officers and directors must maintain confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the Corporation or its customers, except when disclosure is authorized by the Corporation's legal counsel or required by laws or regulations. The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after the employment ends. Confidential information includes all non-public information (regardless of its source) that might be of use to competitors, or harmful to the Corporation or its customers, if disclosed. Confidential information also includes items such as non-public information (regardless of its source) concerning the Corporation's business, financial

results and prospects and potential corporate transactions. Employees, officers and directors are required to keep such information confidential during service with the Corporation as well as thereafter and not to use, disclose or communicate that confidential information other than in the course of their work for the Corporation. The consequences to the Corporation and the employee, officer or director concerned can be severe where there is unauthorized disclosure of any non-public, privileged or proprietary information.

For more information regarding restrictions on the disclosure of material non-public information, please refer to the Corporation's "Regulation FD; Disclosure Policies."

## **XI. PROTECTION AND PROPER USE OF CORPORATION ASSETS**

All employees, officers and directors should endeavor to protect the Corporation's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness, and waste have a direct impact on the Corporation's profitability. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be immediately reported to the Chief Financial Officer and internal auditor for investigation. All Corporation assets should be used for legitimate business purposes. Corporation equipment should not be used for non-Corporation business, though incidental personal use may be permitted.

Employees, officers and directors have an obligation to protect the Corporation's assets, including its proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property, such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business, marketing and service plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, designs, databases, records, salary information and any unpublished financial data and reports. Unauthorized use or distribution of this information would violate Corporation policy. It could also be illegal and result in civil or criminal penalties.

## **XII. PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL**

The FCPA prohibits giving anything of value, directly or indirectly, to officials of foreign governments or foreign political candidates in order to obtain or retain business. It is strictly prohibited to make payments to government officials of any country. The term government officials is broadly defined under the FCPA and therefore consultation with the Corporation's legal counsel is advised prior to making any payments that may be subject to the FCPA.

In addition, the U.S. government has a number of laws and regulations regarding business gratuities which may be accepted by U.S. government personnel. The promise, offer or delivery to an official or employee of the U.S. government of a gift, favor or other gratuity in violation of these rules would not only violate Corporation policy but could also be a criminal offense. State and local governments, as well as foreign governments, may have similar rules. The Corporation's legal counsel can provide guidance to you in this area. Similar to the FCPA, the definition of government officials is broadly defined and therefore guidance and approval should be obtained prior to gifts or entertainment being made.

## **XIII. DISCLOSURE POLICY**

It is the Corporation's policy to provide full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in all documents required to be filed with or furnished or submitted to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and in all other public communications. The Corporation expects all

employees, officers and directors to act in a manner that supports this policy. You are reminded that the Corporation has a separate disclosure policy for compliance with Regulation FD and other disclosure controls and procedures, and you are asked to please refer to the policies set forth therein. In addition, employees, officers and directors are prohibited from directly or indirectly taking any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate or mislead the Corporation's independent auditors for the purpose of rendering the financial statements of the Corporation misleading.

#### **XIV. WAIVERS OF THE CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

Any waiver of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for executive officers or directors may be made only by the Board of Directors, or, with respect to persons other than executive officers or directors, by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Any waiver for a director or an executive officer will be promptly disclosed to stockholders along with the reasons for such waiver, as required by law or stock exchange regulation.

#### **XV. REPORTING ANY ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR**

Employees, officers and directors are encouraged to openly and honestly talk to the Chief Financial Officer, non-management members of the Board of Directors, supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel about observed illegal or unethical behavior and when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation.

Except as otherwise provided in this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, actions prohibited by this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics involving employees, officers or directors must be reported to the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel. After receiving a report of an alleged prohibited action, the Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel, as applicable, must promptly take all appropriate actions necessary to investigate. It is the policy of the Corporation not to allow retaliation for reports of known or suspected acts of misconduct made in good faith by employees, officers or directors. Employees, officers and directors are expected to cooperate in internal investigations of misconduct. You are reminded that the Corporation has adopted a Whistleblower Policy, and you are asked to please refer to the reporting and other guidelines set forth therein.

#### **XVI. ENFORCEMENT**

The Corporation will ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. If, after investigating a report of an alleged prohibited action by an employee, officer or director, the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel, as applicable, determines that a violation of this Code has occurred, the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel, as applicable, will report such determination to the Board of Directors.

Upon receipt of a determination that there has been a violation of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, the Board of Directors will take such preventative or disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, reassignment, demotion, termination of employment, civil penalties, and, in the event of criminal conduct or other serious violations of the law, notification of appropriate governmental authorities. You will be accountable for adherence to this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

## **XVII. COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES**

We must all work to ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. However, in some situations it is difficult to know if a violation has occurred or may occur. Because we cannot anticipate every situation that will arise, it is important that we have a way to approach a new question or problem. These are the steps to keep in mind:

- Make sure you have all the facts. In order to reach the right solutions, we must be as fully informed as possible.
- Ask yourself: What specifically am I being asked to do? Does it seem unethical or improper? This will enable you to focus on the specific question you are faced with, and the alternatives you have. Use your judgment and common sense; if something seems unethical or improper, it probably is.
- Clarify your responsibility and role. In most situations, there is shared responsibility. Are your colleagues informed? It may help to get others involved and discuss the problem.
- Discuss the problem with your supervisor. This is the basic guidance for all situations. In many cases, your supervisor will be more knowledgeable about the question, and will appreciate being brought into the decision-making process. Remember that it is your supervisor's responsibility to help solve problems.
- Seek help from Corporation resources. In the rare case where it may not be appropriate to discuss an issue with your supervisor, or where you do not feel comfortable approaching your supervisor with your question, discuss it with your manager or the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer or consult the reporting procedures under Section XV. If that also is not appropriate, you may call (866) 265-3859, the Corporation's toll-free Corporate Governance Line, which will put you in direct contact with the appropriate people. The Corporate Governance Line is managed by an independent third party contractor (CCBN). A message left on the answering system of the Corporate Governance Line may be left anonymously and your message will be scrambled and digitized such that the voice cannot be recognized. The message will then be sent to the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation. If you prefer to write, address your concerns to the Chief Financial Officer or the Chairman of the Audit Committee or any other non-management member of the Board of Directors at New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., 90 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.
- You may report ethical violations in confidence and without fear of retaliation. If your situation requires that your identity be kept secret, your anonymity will be protected. The Corporation does not permit retaliation of any kind against employees or other personnel for good faith reports of ethical violations. Always ask first, act later: If you are unsure of what to do in any situation, seek guidance before you act.