

time as may be deemed necessary for the general welfare of the town and its general corporate purposes. The town may issue and sell bonds for such indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 of this charter or with state law.

PROCEDURE

57. Except as otherwise specified under the provisions of this charter:

(a) The total amount of bonds issued under the authority of this charter, when added to bonds outstanding less the amounts in any sinking funds for the redemption of bonds outstanding, shall not exceed at any one time ten per cent (10%) of the total assessed value of all taxable property in the town.

(b) Under the ten per cent (10%) bond limitation, the council may authorize bond issues which will not place the total town indebtedness above five per cent (5%) of the total assessed value of taxable property in the town. All other bond issues must be submitted to a referendum of the qualified voters of the town and a majority favorable vote of those voting on the question shall be necessary before such issues may be made.

(c) The debt limits established in (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to revenue bonds issued for revenue producing projects such as a water plant, power plant, or a sewage treatment and disposal system. Issuing revenue bonds for revenue producing projects shall be subject to a majority affirmative vote of all qualified voters voting on the question in any general or special election.

(d) All proposed bond issues issued under the provisions of this charter shall be approved by the council.

(e) Bonds may be either coupon or registered bonds. From the effective date of this charter all bonds shall be issued in serial form. They shall be issued in such denominations, at such rates of interest, and for such a period of time as the council may decide.

(f) All bonds shall be signed by the mayor and attested by the council secretary or the town clerk, and the seal of the town shall be attached thereto.

(g) When signed and attested, the bonds shall be delivered to the mayor, who shall be responsible for their safe-keeping until sold.