

Park Commissioner Scott Vreeland's  
Proposed Charter amendment for proportional  
Treatment of net debt bonds for capital improvements

City Charter, Chapter 15, Section 9

**Section 9. To Incur Indebtedness for Municipal Purposes on Request of**

**Council.** Upon the request of the City Council expressed by ordinance or resolution adopted by the votes of two-thirds of all members thereof, the Board of Estimate and Taxation in its discretion shall have power by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of its members to incur indebtedness for municipal purposes other than the purchase of public utilities and to pledge the credit of the city for the payment of principal and interest and for that purpose shall have power to issue and sell negotiable bonds of the city or any other form of obligation it may deem best, but any such bonds or obligations shall be sold only in the manner provided by Section 1856, General Statutes 1913, to the purchaser who will pay the highest price therefor at the rate of interest fixed by the Board of Estimate and Taxation and the obligations or bonds shall be drawn accordingly; provided, that where, with respect to any and all types and forms of obligation or indebtedness authorized by this Charter and by the laws of the State of Minnesota, the aggregate amount of any such obligations or indebtedness to be issued or incurred for any improvement, including but not limited to acquisition, development, construction or betterment, of any public building, stadium, or other capital improvement project, shall in all phases from inception to completion exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall not issue or sell any bonds or other obligations nor incur any indebtedness for such purpose without the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing such obligations or incurring such indebtedness at a general or special election. The foregoing proviso shall become effective immediately upon its adoption pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 410. Any premium received from the sale of such bonds shall revert to the sinking fund provided for the redemption of such bonds. Any such bonds or obligations shall be signed by the Finance Officer under the city corporate seal and shall be countersigned by the President of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. If the proceeds of the bonds or obligations be intended for the use of any board or department the expenditures of which are not controlled by the City Council, there shall be in addition to the request by the City Council, a like request expressed by ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing board of such department by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members thereof.

Beginning in 2010 and thereafter, the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall issue net debt bonds for City Council and Park Board capital projects based on each entity's share of their combined annual general fund operating budgets. The proceeds of such bonds or obligations shall be put into the City Treasury and credited to the proper fund.

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