

403.9 Issuance of bonds.

1. A municipality shall have power to periodically issue bonds in its discretion to pay the costs of carrying out the purposes and provisions of [this chapter](#), including but not limited to the payment of principal and interest upon any advances for surveys and planning, and the payment of interest on bonds, authorized under [this chapter](#), not to exceed three years from the date the bonds are issued. The municipality shall have power to issue refunding bonds for the payment or retirement of such bonds previously issued by the municipality. Said bonds shall be payable solely from the income and proceeds of the fund and portion of taxes referred to in [section 403.19, subsection 2](#), and revenues and other funds of the municipality derived from or held in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects under [this chapter](#). The municipality may pledge to the payment of the bonds the fund and portion of taxes referred to in [section 403.19, subsection 2](#), and may further secure the bonds by a pledge of any loan, grant, or contribution from the federal government or other source in aid of any urban renewal projects of the municipality under [this chapter](#), or by a mortgage of any such urban renewal projects, or any part thereof, title which is vested in the municipality.

2. Bonds issued under [this section](#) shall not constitute an indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction, and shall not be subject to the provisions of any other law or charter relating to the authorization, issuance or sale of bonds. Bonds issued under the provisions of [this chapter](#) are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom, shall be exempted from all taxes.

3. a. Bonds issued under [this section](#) shall be authorized by resolution or ordinance of the local governing body and may be issued in one or more series and shall bear such date or dates, be payable upon demand or mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding that permitted by [chapter 74A](#), be in such denomination or denominations, be in such form either coupon or registered, carry such conversion or registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, be secured in such manner, and have such other characteristics, as may be provided by such resolution or trust indenture or mortgage issued pursuant thereto.

b. Before the local governing body may institute proceedings for the issuance of bonds under [this section](#), a notice of the proposed action, including a statement of the amount and purposes of the bonds and the time and place of the meeting at which the local governing body proposes to take action for the issuance of the bonds, must be published as provided in [section 362.3](#). At the meeting, the local governing body shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the municipality. After all objections have been received and considered, the local governing body, at that meeting or any subsequent meeting, may take additional action for the issuance of the bonds or abandon the proposal to issue the bonds. Any resident or property owner of the municipality may appeal the decision of the local governing body to take additional action to the district court of the county in which any part of the municipality is located, within fifteen days after the additional action is taken. The additional action of the local governing body is final and conclusive unless the court finds that the municipality exceeded its authority.

4. Such bonds may be sold at not less than ninety-eight percent of par at public or private sale, or may be exchanged for other bonds at not less than ninety-eight percent of par.

5. In case any of the public officials of the municipality whose signatures appear on any bonds or coupons issued under [this chapter](#) shall cease to be such officials before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officials had remained in office until such delivery. Any provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, any bonds issued pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall be fully negotiable.

6. In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforceability of any bond issued under [this chapter](#) or the security therefor, any such bond reciting in substance that it has been issued by the municipality in connection with an urban renewal project, as defined in [this chapter](#), shall be conclusively deemed to have been issued for such purpose and

such project shall be conclusively deemed to have been planned, located, and carried out in accordance with the provisions of [this chapter](#).

[C58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §403.9]

[96 Acts, ch 1204, §18, 19; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180; 2014 Acts, ch 1026, §83; 2015 Acts, ch 30, §113; 2017 Acts, ch 54, §53; 2020 Acts, ch 1063, §211](#)

Referred to in [§403.6, 403.12, 403.19, 422.7\(2\)\(s\)](#)

Subsections 1 and 6 amended