



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY Debt Policies

- ~~The County will issue bonds only for capital improvements and general obligations.~~ Long-term debt will not be used to fund operating activities.
- The County ~~may will~~ issue ~~notes for~~ bond anticipation ~~notes purposes only~~.
- ~~When appropriate, t~~The County will publish and distribute an official statement for ~~a each publicly issued~~ bond and rate issue.
- General obligation debt will not be used for enterprise activities. All such ~~debt bonds~~ will be supported by revenue from operations.
- The County will not issue long-term debt with maturity longer than the useful life of the project or item funded.
- ~~The County will maintain a bond retirement fund reserve, which is equivalent to the amount of debt service due on tax supported general obligation bonds in the next fiscal year.~~
- The County will use voted general obligation debt to fund general purpose public improvements, ~~which cannot be financed from current revenues or the unreserved portion of the non-voted debt capacity.~~
- If Indian River County utilizes long-term debt financing, staff will ensure that the debt is soundly financed by following several guidelines. First, the cost/benefit ratio of the improvement must be positive. Revenue sources that will be used to pay the debt will be conservatively projected. Also, no improvement shall be financed over a time period greater than the useful life of said improvement.
- Every effort will be made to limit the amount of general obligation debt. All general obligation debt will be used only for public purposes.
- ~~When appropriate re possible,~~ the County will use special assessment, revenue, or other self-supporting ~~debt bonds in lieu and avoid the use~~ of general obligation debt.
- Indian River County will ~~strive to maintain sound credit ratings when applicable, maintain solid relationships with bond rating agencies, and will keep them updated about its financial condition or any other relevant information.~~