

DEBT

Legal Debt Margin Information And Debt Service Status

As a home rule city, the Town of Highland Park is not limited by the law in the amount of debt it may issue. The Town's charter (Section 9.10) states:

The Town shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the Town and to issue general obligation bonds and other evidence of indebtednesses for permanent public improvements or for any other public purpose not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds and other evidences of indebtedness of the Town previously issued. All such bonds shall be issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas.

The Town of Highland Park, as of September 30, 2017, does not have any outstanding debt. The fiscal year 2017-18 Adopted Budget does not include any issuance of debt to fund short term or long range capital projects. The Town funds capital projects on a pay as you go basis.

The Town is permitted by Article XI, Section 5, of the *State of Texas Constitution* to levy taxes up to \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services including the payment of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt. The current ratio of tax-supported debt to assessed value of all taxable property is 0.0%.