

**Borrowing Purposes Table**  
**Before and After the Municipal Modernization Act**  
**Effective November 7, 2016**

<b>BORROWING WITHIN DEBT LIMIT – <a href="#">G.L. c. 44, § 7</a></b>		
<b>Purpose in Clause Below <u>Before</u> Municipal Modernization Act</b>	<b>PURPOSE (Before 11/7/2016)</b>	<b>Purpose in Clause Below <u>After</u> Municipal Modernization Act</b>
1	Constructing or reconstructing surface drains, sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities	1
1A	Lining by cement or metal of sewers constructed for sanitary and surface drainage purposes and for sewage disposal	1
2	Acquiring land for public parks or playgrounds or public domain under G.L. c. 45	1
2A	Constructing an artificial ice-skating rink for which refrigeration equipment is required on land owned by the city or town	1
2B	Constructing an outdoor swimming pool on land owned by the city or town	1
3	Acquiring land, or interests in land, for any purpose a city or town is authorized to acquire land or interests in land, not otherwise specifically provided for; constructing buildings or additions to buildings a city or town is authorized to build where the additions increase the floor space of the buildings, including original equipment and furnishings of the buildings or additions	1
3A	Remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to public buildings owned by the city or town, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related to the remodeling, reconstruction or repair	1
3B	Making energy conservation, alternative energy or renewable energy improvements to public buildings or facilities owned or leased by the city or town, or on property owned or leased by the city or town	1 (Not including improvements to property not owned by the municipality)
3C	Funding the revolving loan fund established under G.L. c. 44, § 53E3/4 to assist in the development of renewable energy and energy conservation projects on privately-held buildings, property or facilities within the city or town	2
4	Constructing or reconstructing bridges of stone or concrete or of iron superstructure	1

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5	Constructing (original), extending or widening public ways, including land damages and the cost of pavement and sidewalks laid at the time of the construction; constructing stone, block, brick, cement concrete, bituminous concrete, bituminous macadam or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character; constructing (original), surfacing or resurfacing municipally owned and operated off-street parking areas, under specifications approved by the MDOT	1
6	Installing macadam pavement or other road material; resurfacing municipally owned or operated off-street parking areas with pavement or other road material under specifications approved by MDOT; constructing sidewalks of brick, bituminous concrete, stone or concrete	1
7	Constructing walls or dikes to protect highways or property	1
8	Purchasing land for cemetery purposes	1
9	Acquiring equipment	1
9A	Remodeling, reconstructing or rehabilitating existing firefighting apparatus and heavy equipment including, but not limited to, front-end loaders, road graders, sidewalk plows and motorized sweepers	1
10	Connecting residences or other buildings with common sewers, when all or part of the cost is to be assessed to abutting property owners	1 (if construction in the public way or on public property)
11	Paying final judgments	3
12	No Clause 12	N/A
13	In Boston only, acquiring fire or police boats	1
14	Installing traffic signals, public lighting, fire alarms or police communications and extending and improving those installations	1 (See also clause 9 – computer hardware/software)
15	In Boston only, constructing (original), extending or widening ways other than public ways, within, bounding or connecting with public park in the city by the board of park commissioners of the city, with permanent pavement of a lasting character conforming to specifications approved by MDOT, including land damages and cost of pavement and sidewalks laid at the time of the construction; or constructing the ways with stone, block, brick, cement concrete, bituminous concrete, bituminous macadam or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character under specifications approved by MDOT	4
16	Paying fire insurance policy premium covering a period of 5 years	N/A

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17	Improving tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach under G.L. c. 91, § 29; constructing or reconstructing public wharves	1
17A	Dredging tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, channels and tidewaters	1
18	Paying for expert appraisal of taxable property or preparation of assessors maps, including aerial photography	N/A
19	Making payments under contracts with the Commonwealth under G.L. c. 40, § 4D for purposes for which loans may be authorized under this section	6
20	Developing land for burial purposes and for constructing paths and avenues and embellishing the grounds in a cemetery owned by the city or town	1
21	Paying for architectural services for plans and specifications for any proposed building for which a city, town or district may borrow, or for additions to buildings owned by a city, town, or district where the additions increase the floor space of the building	7
22	Paying for engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications for any project not defined in Clause 21 for which a city, town or district may borrow	7
23	Constructing municipal tennis courts, including platform tennis courts and acquiring land and constructing buildings, including original equipment and furnishings	1
24	No Clause 24	N/A
25	Constructing and reconstructing municipal outdoor recreational and athletic facilities, including acquiring and developing the land for the facilities	1
26	Paying for energy audits as defined in G.L. c. 25A, § 3, if authorized separately from debt for energy conservation or alternative energy projects	8
27	Preserving and restoring publicly-owned freshwater lakes and great ponds under G.L. c. 21, § 37A	1
28	Developing, designing, purchasing and installing computer hardware, other data processing equipment and computer assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems	9
29	Developing, designing, purchasing computer software incident to the purchase, installation and operation of computer hardware and other data processing equipment and computer assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems	9
30	Installing, repairing, or replacing exposed structural or miscellaneous steel, which has been treated with the hot-dip galvanizing process	1
31	Removing asbestos from municipally owned buildings	1

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32	Cleaning up or preventing pollution caused by existing or closed municipal facilities not referenced in G.L. c. 44, § 8(21), including cleanup or prevention activities taken under G.L. c. 21E or G.L. c. 21H	10
33	Constructing or reconstructing seawalls, riprap, revetments, breakwaters, bulkheads, jetties and groins, stairways, ramps and other related structures	1
34	Constructing other public works, improvements or assets not specified in this section with a maximum useful life of at least 5 years	11

<b>BORROWING OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT – <a href="#">G.L. c. 44, § 8</a></b>		
<b>Purpose in Clause Below <u>Before</u> Municipal Modernization Act</b>	<b>PURPOSE (Before 11/7/2016)</b>	<b>Purpose in Clause Below <u>After</u> Municipal Modernization Act</b>
1	Temporary loans under G.L. c. 44, §§ 4, 6, 6A, 17 and 17A	1
2	Providing and distributing food, temporary shelter and other necessities of life during emergencies under G.L. c. 40, § 19	2
3	Establishing or purchasing a water supply system; taking or purchasing water sources, either from public land or private sources, water or flowage rights, or land for the protection of water system	3
3A	Conducting groundwater inventory and analysis of the water supply, including pump tests and quality tests, in connection with development of new or additional water supply sources	3A
4	Constructing or enlarging reservoirs; constructing filter beds, standpipes, buildings for pumping stations including original pumping station equipment, and buildings for water treatment, including original equipment; and acquiring land or any interest in land necessary in connection with those purposes	4
4A	Remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to reservoirs and filter beds	4A
5	Laying and relaying of water mains of 6-16 inches in diameter; lining and relining those mains with linings of at least 1/16 of an inch; developing additional well fields, for wells; and acquiring pumping station equipment	5
6	Constructing and reconstructing and laying and relaying aqueducts and water mains 16 or more inches in diameter; and lining those mains with linings of at least 1/16 of an inch	5

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7	Extending water mains	5
7A	Purchasing and installing water meters	6
7B	Paying share of municipality's cost to increase the storage capacity of any reservoir, including land acquisition, constructed by the water resources commission for flood prevention or water resources utilization	7
7C	Purchasing, replacing or rehabilitating water departmental equipment	7A
8	Establishing, purchasing, extending, or enlarging a gas or electric lighting plant, a community antenna television system, whether or not operated by a gas or electric lighting plant, or a telecommunications system operated by a municipal lighting plant	8
8A	Remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to a gas or electric lighting plant, a community antenna television system, or a telecommunications system operated by a municipal lighting plant	8A
9	<p>Emergency appropriations approved by Director of Accounts</p> <p>Borrowing may be authorized by (1) treasurer, with approval of chief executive officer, of city, town or district under expedited procedure or (2) regular procedure</p> <p>Emergency means a sudden, unavoidable event or series of events which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated at the time of submission of the annual budget for approval and does not include funding of collective bargaining agreements or items previously disapproved by the appropriating authority for the fiscal year in which the borrowing is sought</p>	9
9A	<p>Emergency appropriations for capital purposes authorized by treasurer, with approval of chief executive officer, of city, town or district under expedited procedure</p> <p>Emergency means a sudden, unavoidable event or series of events which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated at the time of submission of the annual budget for approval</p>	9A
10	Acquiring land or constructing buildings or other structures, including the cost of original equipment, as memorials to members of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, or air force	10
11	No Clause 11	N/A
12	Acquiring street railway property under G.L. c. 161, §§ 143-158 operating the same, or contributing toward the capital expenses of a transportation area	11

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13	Acquiring, constructing, establishing, enlarging, improving or protecting public airports, including acquiring land, including those airports jointly owned by two or more municipalities	12
14	Eradicating Dutch elm disease, including payment of assessments and charges made under G.L. c. 132	13
15	Constructing sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities; or making a lump sum payment of the cost of tie-in to those services in a contiguous city or town	14
16	Constructing municipal golf courses, including acquiring land, constructing buildings and paying for original equipment and furnishings	15
17	Making payments under contracts with the Commonwealth under G.L. c. 40, § 4D for purposes for which loans may be authorized under this section	16
18	Constructing a regional incinerator for disposal of solid waste, refuse and garbage by two or more communities	17
19	Lending or granting funds to industrial development financing authorities and economic development and industrial corporations	18
20	Undertaking projects fully or partially financed by the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture under Chapter 50 of Title 7 of the United States Code	19
21	Cleaning up or preventing pollution caused by existing or closed landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities, including clean-up activities under G.L. c. 21E or G.L. c. 21H	20
22	Constructing incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, composting facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, for disposing of waste, refuse and garbage	21
23	Remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, owned by the city, town or district, and used for disposing of waste, refuse and garbage	22
24	Closing out a landfill area, opening a new landfill area, or making improvements to an existing landfill area	23
25	Acquisition of a dam or the removal, repair, reconstruction and improvements to a dam owned by a municipality, as may be necessary to maintain, repair or improve such dam. Includes dams, as defined by G.L. c. 253, § 4, and appurtenant real property, acquired by gift, purchase or eminent domain not owned or held in trust by the Commonwealth when the municipality acquires them	24