

LAKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

POLICY

Title: **Debt Management Policy**

Number:

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Approved:

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish Board of County Commissioners guidelines and requirements for the development of a debt management system.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Self-supporting revenue bonds - bonds used to construct/purchase facilities which will, in turn, generate fees/charges to repay the bonds.

III. DIRECTIVES

- A. When the County finances projects through the issuance of bonds, it will pay back the bonds within a period not to exceed 90% of the useful life of the project.
- B. Where possible, the County will use self-supporting revenue, special assessment, or other self-supporting bonds, instead of general obligation bonds to fund capital projects.
- C. The County will not use long term debt to finance current operations.
- D. The County will seek to maintain and, if applicable, improve its current bond rating.
- E. The County will maintain good communications with bond rating agencies to inform them about the County's financial conditions. The County will follow a policy of full disclosure, including adherence to Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In compliance with this rule, the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be forwarded by April 30 to all nationally recognized Municipal Securities Information Repositories approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to issue or revise this policy is reserved for the Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman

This _____ day of _____, 2003.

ATTEST:

James C. Watkins, Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners
of Lake County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

Sanford A. Minkoff
County Attorney