

ARTICLE 9 Special Powers of the Council

Section 1. Violation of Charter, Ordinance and Laws The Council, at any regular or adjourned meeting, shall have the power within the limits of the City of Ashland to enact laws, ordinances and pass resolutions not in conflict or inconsistent with the laws of the United States, the State of Oregon, or the provisions of this Charter; and to provide for punishment of any person or persons found guilty by a competent tribunal of the violation of any such laws, ordinances, or any of the provisions of this Charter, by fine or imprisonment of such offender, until such fine and costs are paid; and to provide for the working of such persons so convicted on the streets of the City or at any other work, and to provide the compensation therefor to be applied on such fine and costs; but no fine shall exceed the sum of \$500 and the costs of prosecution, nor shall any imprisonment or term at hard labor exceed 60 days.

Section 2. Levy of Taxes The Council, by two-thirds vote of the Council at any regular or adjourned meeting, shall have the power within the limits of the City of Ashland to annually ordain and levy taxes on the taxable property of the City made taxable by law for County and State purposes, not to exceed fifteen mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation in any year for the expenses of the City; and also in such further amount as may be necessary for the payment of interest or principal on any bonded indebtedness now existing or hereafter to exist against the City and for payment of any judgment or judgments obtained against the City.

Section 2a. Flood Damage Restoration Bonds In addition to the indebtedness otherwise authorized by law and by this Charter, the City Council of the City of Ashland shall have the power and authority to issue the general obligation bonds of the City in such amounts and with such maturity dates as the City Council shall, in its discretion, deem advisable in an aggregate amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for the purpose of financing the cost of repair and restoration in accord with current construction standards of the City's water, sewer, electrical and storm sewer systems; City streets and bridges and watershed roads and bridges; Lithia Park; the repair of riprap at the Ashland Airport; and the purchase of a dredge for the removal of present and continuous accumulations of silt in the City's water reservoir; and to further provide that all state or federal funds received to assist Ashland in repair of flood damage shall be used for that purpose or to pay principal and interest on these bonds and for no other purpose; and shall have the power and right to designate the manner and time of payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, provided that considering any discounts or premiums paid, the effective rate of interest on such bonds shall not exceed that allowable by the laws of the State of Oregon. The power herein granted shall be exercised by the Council without submitting the question to a further vote of the electors and the bonds issued in pursuance to this Article shall not be subject to the limitation on bond or other indebtedness elsewhere contained in the Charter of said City.

Section 2b. Hospital Improvement Bonds In addition to the indebtedness otherwise authorized by law and by this Charter, the City Council of the City of Ashland shall have the power and authority to issue the general obligation bonds of the City in such amounts and with such maturity dates as the City Council shall, in its discretion, deem advisable in an aggregate amount not to exceed Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00) for the purpose of financing the design and construction of additions and improvements to the Ashland Community Hospital; and shall have the power and right to designate the manner and time of payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, provided that considering any discounts or premiums paid, the effective rate of interest on such bonds shall not exceed that allowable by the laws of the State of Oregon. The power herein granted shall be exercised by the Council without submitting the question to a further vote of the electors and the bonds issued in pursuance to this Article shall not be subject to the limitation on bond or other indebtedness elsewhere contained in the Charter of said City.

Section 3. Special Assessments The Council shall have the power at regular or adjourned meeting to levy such special benefit assessments for road, sewer or other special improvements as they deem reasonable

and to prescribe the time when such assessments shall be paid and to assess penalties thereon, not exceeding ten percent (10%) when delinquent, which assessments and penalties may be collected under the provisions of Article XII, Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. Reassessment The Council shall have the power to enact an ordinance to correct any administrative error in the levying of any special benefit assessment and to cause a reassessment to be made.

Section 5. Debt Limit The Council, by a two-thirds vote at any regular or adjourned meeting, shall have the power within the limits of the City of Ashland to borrow money upon the credit of the City and authorize the issue of orders or notes therefor to an amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 when required for municipal purposes, which orders and notes shall bear a reasonable rate of interest and shall not aggregate at any time to exceed \$5,000.00.

Section 6. Bonds The Council, by a two-thirds vote at any regular or adjourned meeting, shall issue bonds of the City for other purposes when duly voted and required by a majority of the electors of said City; or in rebonding any bonded indebtedness of the City when the same is due and payable and the City has not the funds on hand to pay the same, but in rebonding, bonds shall not be issued for a longer period or greater rate of interest than the bonds to be liquidated. All bonds issued hereafter shall be amended to this Article; that is, Article IX, Section 2, and at such time as they are retired shall be automatically repealed.

Section 7. Water System The Council, by a two-thirds vote of the Council at any regular or adjourned meeting, shall have the power within the limits of the City of Ashland to suppress, restrain, and prohibit any obstruction, pollution, diversion, waste, extravagant use of, waters of Mill or Ashland Creek, either within or above the City limits.