The City of Lawrence adopts the following guidelines for the issuance of debt:

- Ratio of General Obligation Bonds Outstanding to Appraised Valuation will not exceed 2.2%
- Ratio of General Obligation Bonds and Temporary Notes Outstanding to the Statutory Debt Limit will not exceed 60%
- Ratio of Debt Service payments from the Bond and interest Fund will not exceed 15% of governmental expenditures
- Amount of General Obligation Bonds Outstanding per population will not exceed $1100
- Amount of overlapping General Obligation Bonds Outstanding per population will not exceed $2500
- Bond and Interest mill levy will not exceed 10 mills

The City will review and consider the following before any debt is issued:

- Adherence to the Capital Improvement Budget
- Adherence to the Capital Improvement Plan
- Impact on the mill levy
- Potential impact on other revenue sources such as increased property taxes and sales taxes