

This in turn raises the question as to whether or not the method and duration of the publication of ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds and of notices of the sale of such bonds constitutes a limitation upon the power of the municipality to incur debts for local purposes.

The legislature is undoubtedly authorized to prescribe by general laws limitations upon the debt incurring authority of municipalities. It was apparently the intent and purpose of the constitutional provision above quoted to authorize the general assembly to limit the amount of the debts which a municipal corporation may incur rather than the method of procedure to be followed in incurring such debts, and I am convinced that the mere matter of publishing ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds and the publishing of notices of the public sale of such bonds do not constitute a limitation upon the debt incurring capacity of a municipality, but are merely regulations for the purpose of giving proper publicity to the proceedings of council, and as such are matters subject to the home rule powers of such municipalities as have by proper procedure adopted charters.

Specifically answering the two questions presented in your letter, I am of the opinion

First, that the provisions of the charter of the city referred to in your letter that "all ordinances and regulations shall be published once in one newspaper" supersede the provisions of the general law contained in section 4228 G. C., above quoted, and that a compliance by the officers of said city with the provisions of such charter in the matter of publication of ordinances and resolutions will be sufficient.

Second, that the provisions of the charter of the city referred to in your letter will also govern in the matter of publication of notices of the public sale of such bonds.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

*Attorney-General.*

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1319.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 8, 1920.

HON. A. R. TAYLOR, *State Highway Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.*

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1320.

DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO, IN AMOUNT OF  
\$23,400 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 8, 1920

*Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

RE: Bonds of Williams county, in the amount of \$23,400, for the improvement of Tile Factory Road No. 164, in St. Joseph township.

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the transcript of the proceedings of the county commissioners relative to the above bond issue, and decline to approve the validity of said bonds for the following reasons: