

Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policy

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Purpose: The City shall have an annual audit conducted on its financial records by a qualified, independent public accounting firm. The City should request proposals from qualified independent accounting firms to conduct an annual audit of its financial statements every five to six years by the use of a request for proposal (RFP) process. In accordance with Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA's) Best Practice Guidelines, the current auditors can be included in the RFP process, however, it is recommended changing the audit team if the same firm came in with the best proposal.

The audit shall be conducted on an annual basis to be completed and filed within six months after the end of each fiscal year.

The City should submit its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program.

The City's financial statements shall be prepared according to generally-accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Council (GASB).

The City should contract with an independent actuary to determine the City's annual contribution to the Police and Fire Pension Funds.

When the City prepares monthly significant account reconciliations, prepares the year-end adjustments, and prepares the year-end financial statements, the following procedures will be followed. Administration of these procedures will be the responsibility of the City's Finance Director and the Finance Director will sign off that these procedures have been adhered to on a monthly and year-end basis. Those procedures are as follows:

The Finance Department, under approval of the Finance Director, will prepare a listing of all significant accounts of the City that are to be reconciled on a monthly basis. These accounts are to include at a minimum all balance sheet accounts at month-end, all grant related revenue and expense accounts, all restricted use revenue accounts and all other accounts deemed necessary by the Finance Department to be reviewed on a monthly basis. A monthly checklist of these accounts will be prepared and signed off by the Finance Director.

Within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year the Finance Department will be required to submit to the Finance Director all required year-end close adjustments. These adjustments are to be approved and reviewed by the Finance Director and posted to the general ledger prior to the auditors beginning audit fieldwork.

The City's auditors assist in the preparation of the City's financial statements, including the footnote disclosures, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Further, the City will review a complete initial draft and final draft of the financial statements as prepared by the auditors. The City Finance Director will be responsible for a final complete review of the financial statements, including the footnotes disclosures, to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Any questions or concerns related to the financial statements will be discussed with the City's auditors.

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Letter will be approved by the City Council and available for distribution no later than six months after the close of the City's fiscal year-end.