



Office of City Auditor Overview



Agenda:

- Who governs the Office of City Auditor?
- Purpose of Audits, and examples
- Powers and duties of City Auditor – City Code
- Audit Universe
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline



The City Auditor is appointed by and reports to City Council.

By reporting to City Council, the City Auditor is independent of the operations we audit.



City Council has appointed the Audit Committee to provide oversight to the Office of City Auditor.

The Audit Committee is composed of two Council members and three citizen members.



Audit Committee Oversight:

- Approves the annual audit projects plan and monitors plan accomplishments
- Department budget and actual expenditures
- Review audit reports prior to issuance
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline activity
- City and Utilities external financial statement audit results
- City Auditor performance and compliance with auditing standards



Audit services strive to provide a value-added audit service that benefit the citizens and ratepayers of Colorado Springs. For example, internal audits address the following questions:

- Are we are doing what we say we're doing?
- Are we using resources effectively?
- Are there gaps in our policies and procedures?
- Are there any areas for improvement?
- Are we meeting compliance requirements?
- Are we transparent and accountable?



Powers and Duties of City Auditor in City Code 1.2.7:

- Maintain independence
- Ensure public accountability
- Perform post-audit of financial operations of City and Enterprises
- Determine effectiveness and efficiency of programs
- Examine books and records
- Cooperate with City Administration and Council – to include confer and consult with City and Enterprises as well as furnish information to Council whenever required upon any subject related to financial affairs of City
- Monitor financial reports
- Make periodic reports to Council regarding spend compliance, frugality and economy, and efficiency and effectiveness



Audit Universe; 2024 Budgeted Funds

Utilities	\$1.504 Billion
City General Fund	\$.428
<u>Other City Funds</u>	<u>\$.473</u>
Total 2024 Budget	\$2.405 Billion

City Auditor has a staff of 14 professionals and one paraprofessional



City Auditor Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline (Hotline)

Anyone can report, online or to our dedicated telephone number (719-385-2387) suspected fraud, waste, or abuse involving City government staff or assets.

We promote Hotline awareness at City and Utilities on employee information sites and social media sites.

<https://coloradosprings.gov/city-auditor/page/report-fraud-waste-or-abuse-city-government-staff-or>



City Auditor Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline (Hotline)

We have a Hotline response team of three staff members with specialized fraud response training.

Our goal is to acknowledge receipt of a hotline tip in two business days if the report is not anonymous.

We spend about 450 hours a year responding to Hotline reports.

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