

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Mesa Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1  
111 S Tejon Street  
Suite 705  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

For the Year Ended  
12/31/19  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
FAX

Carrie Bartow  
719-635-0330  
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719-473-3630

### PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME: Carrie Bartow  
TITLE: Accountant for the District  
FIRM NAME (if applicable): CliftonLarsonAllen LLP  
ADDRESS: 111 S Tejon Street, Suite 705, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
PHONE: 719-635-0330  
DATE PREPARED: 2/17/2020

**PREPARER** (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types

**GOVERNMENTAL**  
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)



**PROPRIETARY**  
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



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## PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 16	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ 2,110	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22	Intergovernmental Revenue - Mesa Ridge MD No. 2	\$ 43,047	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 45,173	

## PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ 13,804	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 5,467	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 29,737	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 2,110	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 993	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Capital outlay	\$ 420	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree with Part 4)	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 52,531	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - STOP. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

## PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

Yes  No

4-1 Does the entity have outstanding debt?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.

4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain:  Yes  No  
The District's only debt consists of developer advances, which are not general obligation debt. Repayment of advances are subject to annual appropriation if and when funds become available.

4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain:  Yes  No

Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)	Outstanding at end of prior year*	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ 12,541,250	\$ 2,110	\$ -	\$ 12,543,360
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,541,250</b>	<b>\$ 2,110</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,543,360</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

Yes  No

4-5 Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?  Yes  No  
If yes: How much?

Date the debt was authorized:

4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?  Yes  No  
If yes: How much?

4-7 Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?  Yes  No  
If yes: What is the amount outstanding?

4-8 Does the entity have any lease agreements?  Yes  No  
If yes: What is being leased?

What is the original date of the lease?

Number of years of lease?

Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?  Yes  No

What are the annual lease payments?

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

	Amount	Total
5-1 YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ 8,888	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 8,888</b>
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$ -	
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$ -	
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$ -	
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$ -	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 8,888</b>

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

Yes  No  N/A

5-4 Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et seq., C.R.S.?  Yes  No  N/A

5-5 Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?  Yes  No  N/A

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:

## PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No

- 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?  Yes       No
- 6-2 Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, MUST explain:  Yes       No

The District's capital assets consists of landscape improvements.

6-3 Complete the following capital assets table:

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain): Landscaping	\$ 76,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,178
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,178</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76,178</b>

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No

- 7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firemen's pension plan?  Yes       No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan?  Yes       No
- If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No                      N/A

- 8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?  Yes       No       N/A
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- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:  Yes       No       N/A
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If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Fund Name	Budgeted Expenditures/Expenses
General Fund	\$ 63,500
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 80,000

## PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

		Yes	No
<b>9-1</b>	<b>Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?</b> <small>Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, MUST explain:

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
<b>10-1</b>	<b>Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	<b>Date of formation:</b> <input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
<b>10-2</b>	<b>Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	<b>Please list the NEW name &amp; PRIOR name:</b> <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
<b>10-3</b>	<b>Is the entity a metropolitan district?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Please indicate what services the entity provides:</b> <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
<b>10-4</b>	<b>Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	<b>List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:</b> <input style="width: 600px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
<b>10-5</b>	<b>Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	<b>Date Filed:</b> <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
<b>10-6</b>	<b>Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	<b>Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):</b>		

<b>Bond Redemption mills</b>	0.00
<b>General/Other mills</b>	0.00
<b>Total mills</b>	0.00

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

10-3: Street improvements, water, sewer, traffic and safety controls, parks and recreation, mosquito control, television relay and translation, and transportation facilities.

10-4: The District, serving as the Operating District, works in conjunction with Mesa Ridge Metropolitan District No. 2 (Financing District), to provide the services listed above.

## PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box		YES	NO
12-1	If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

#### Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

**The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:**

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
  - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, **or**
  - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below. Print Board Member's Name		A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.
Board Member 1	Timothy Seibert	I Timothy Seibert , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: May 2022
Board Member 2	Christopher Jenkins	I Christopher Jenkins , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>CSJ</u> Date: <u>2.26.20</u> My term Expires: May 2020
Board Member 3	David Jenkins	I David Jenkins , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>2-26-20</u> My term Expires: May 2020
Board Member 4	Delroy Johnson	I Delroy Johnson , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: May 2020
Board Member 5	Bobby Ingels	I Bobby Ingels , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>2/26/20</u> My term Expires: May 2022
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I _____ , attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____



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## Accountant's Compilation Report

Board of Directors  
Mesa Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1  
El Paso County, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit of Mesa Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The Application for Exemption from Audit is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

We are not independent with respect to Mesa Ridge Metropolitan District No. 1.

*CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 17, 2020