

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3
20 Boulder Crescent St.,
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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903
Peggy Libbey
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For the Year Ended  
12/31/21  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
FAX

### 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:

Braden Hammond, CPA/ABV
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TITLE

Director
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FIRM NAME (if applicable)

BiggsKofford, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
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ADDRESS

630 Southpointe Court, Ste 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
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PHONE

719-579-9090
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DATE PREPARED

March 10, 2022
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### PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

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

<b>GOVERNMENTAL</b> <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	<b>PROPRIETARY</b> <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 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)	\$ 3,300	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 285	
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	\$ 30	
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)	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,615	

## 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	\$ 704	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 2,017	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 9,094	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
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	\$ 11,815	

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? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Developer Advances will be paid when funds become available.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-4	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	\$ 475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 475</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? If yes: How much? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span> Date the debt was authorized: <span style="float: right;">_____</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for? If yes: What is the amount outstanding? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements? 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? <span style="float: right;">_____</span> What are the annual lease payments? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	\$ 900	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 900</b>
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	_____	\$ -	
	_____	\$ -	
5-3	_____	\$ -	
	_____	\$ -	
	<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 900</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.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

N/A The District does not have capital assets.

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):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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" firefighters' pension plan?  Yes       No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' 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.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?

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.

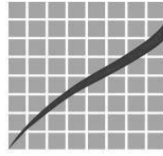
Yes                      No                      N/A

- 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

- 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

If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 12,500
Debt Service Fund	\$ 85



**BiggsKofford**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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**ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

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Board of Directors  
**Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying Application for Exemption from Audit of Sterling Ranch Metro Districts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, 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 AICPA. 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.

*BiggsKofford P.C.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
March 10, 2022

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

**9-1** Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?

Yes                      No

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.



If no, **MUST** explain:

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Yes                      No

**10-1** Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?



If yes:

Date of formation:

**10-2**

Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?



If yes:

Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:

**10-3**

Is the entity a metropolitan district?



Please indicate what services the entity provides:

Various public improvements and services

**10-4**

Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?



If yes:

List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:

**10-5**

Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during



If yes:

Date Filed:

**10-6**

Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?



If yes:

Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

Bond Redemption mills

	40.000
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General/Other mills

	10.000
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Total mills

	50.000
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Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## 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?

### 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	James Morley	I, James Morley, 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>3/15/2022</u> My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 2	Doug Stimple	I, Doug Stimple, 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>3/15/2022</u> My term Expires: May 2023
Board Member 3	Charles Collins	I, Charles Collins, 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>3/15/2022</u> My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 4	Loren Moreland	I, Loren Moreland, 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>3/15/2022</u> My term Expires: May 2023
Board Member 5	Peggy Libbey	I, Peggy Libbey, 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>3/15/22</u> My term Expires: May 2025
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: _____

# RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR THE STERLING RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3 STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the board of directors of Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S. states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the state auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 exceeded \$750,000 for fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 has been prepared by BiggsKofford, P.C., and independent accountant with knowledge of government accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulation issued by the state auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the board of directors of the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 that the application for exemption from audit for Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the board of directors of the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3; that those members of the board of directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of the application for exemption from audit of the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of March, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:

Type or Print Names of  
Members of Governing Body

Date  
Term Expires

Signature

Doug Stimple

May 2023

Peggy Libbey

May 2025

James Morley

May 2025

Charles Collins

May 2025

Loren Moreland

May 2023



Handwritten signatures in blue ink corresponding to the names listed in the table above. The signatures are written over the signature lines.