

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

Gardens at North Carefree Metropolitan District
614 N Tejon St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

For the Year Ended
12/31/22
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

Susan Gonzales
719-447-1777
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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:
TITLE
FIRM NAME (if applicable)
ADDRESS
PHONE
DATE PREPARED

Susan Gonzales
Director of Disctrict Accounting
WSDM District Managaers
614 N Tejon St
719-447-1777
3/10/2023

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <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
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ 50,367
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 5,237
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -
2-4	Other (specify): Delinquent Interest	\$ 1,256
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	\$ -
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): Miscellaneous	\$ 100
2-22		\$ -
2-23		\$ -
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 56,960

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

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
3-1	Administrative	\$ -
3-2	Salaries	\$ -
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -
3-4	Contract services	\$ -
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -
3-6	Insurance	\$ -
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 4,376
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 4,312
3-9	Supplies	\$ -
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 191
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): Treasurer Collection Fee	\$ 774
3-24		\$ -
3-25		\$ -
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 9,653

Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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; width: 100%; 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date the debt was authorized:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	
4-6 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much?	<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?	<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? What are the annual lease payments?	<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	\$ 32,202	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
Total Cash Deposits		\$ 32,202
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
5-3 Total Investments		\$ -
Total Cash and Investments		\$ 32,202

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE 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

6-3 Complete the following capital & right-to-use 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)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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?

	\$ -
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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:

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 56,043

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

Yes No

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

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:

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
General/Other mills	10.000
Total mills	50.000

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.

A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.

Board Member	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 1	Ronald Covington	I Ronald Covington, 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>Ronald Covington</u> Date: <u>3/21/2023</u> My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 2	Grace Covington	I Grace Covington, 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 2025
Board Member 3	Laureen Deveau	I Laureen Deveau, 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>Laureen Deveau</u> Date: <u>3/20/2023</u> My term Expires: May 2025
Board Member 4	Heath Herber	I Heath Herber, 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>Heath Herber</u> Date: <u>3/20/2023</u> My term Expires: May 2023
Board Member 5	Cheryl Herber	I Cheryl Herber, 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>Cheryl Herber</u> Date: <u>3/21/2023</u> My term Expires: May 2023
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: _____

**GARDENS AT NORTH CAREFREE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE ABOVE-NAMED DISTRICT, CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors 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 revenue nor expenditures exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, may with the approval of the state auditor, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603 C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures exceeded \$750,000 for fiscal year 2022 and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption form audit has been prepared Peter Susemihl; a person familiar with governmental accounting; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Gardens at North Carefree Metropolitan District that the application for exemption from audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 has been reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and that those Directors have signified their approval by signing below and that this Resolutions shall be attached to and become a part of the application for exemption from audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

Adopted this 1st day of March 2023.

DIRECTORS:

DocuSigned by:
Ron Covington
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Ronald J. Covington-Term expires 2022

DocuSigned by:
Cheri Herber
0A438EF34B7A493
Cheryl L. Herber-Term expires 2023

Elizabeth Grace Covington-Term expires 2022

DocuSigned by:
[Signature]
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Laureen T. Deveau-Term expires 2022

DocuSigned by:
Heath Herber
3BFBCA588BF240B
Heath A. Herber-Term expires 2023

