

Wages Fire Department
Application for Exemption from Audit
December 31, 2022



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Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Board of Directors
Wages Fire Department
Yuma, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Wages Fire Department as of December 31, 2022, and for the year then ended, 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. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Wages Fire Department and the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.

Sterling, Colorado
March 8, 2023

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

Wages Fire Department
P.O. Box 248
Yuma, Colorado 80759

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

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

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970-848-5539
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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

Scott Szabo
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970-522-2218
March 8, 2023

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

See Independent Accountants' 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)



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)	\$ -	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
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	\$ -	
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	Contributions from Member Districts	\$ 7,400	
2-23	Capital Credits	\$ 20	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,420	

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	\$ -	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 1,400	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 3	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 2,425	
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	\$ 3,828	

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; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">The Department does not have any outstanding debt; therefore, there is no debt repayment schedule attached.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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: | | |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| What is the original date of the lease? | | |
| Number of years of lease? | | |
| Is the lease subject to annual appropriation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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	\$ 18,170	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
Total Cash Deposits		\$ 18,170
Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Investments		\$ -
Total Cash and Investments		\$ 18,170

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 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	\$ 45,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,905
Machinery and equipment	\$ 275,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,335
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	\$ 321,240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 321,240

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
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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

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

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$ 7,400

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)]?
<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 |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-1 | Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Date of formation: <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-2 | Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:
<input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-3 | Is the entity a metropolitan district?
Please indicate what services the entity provides:
<input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10-4 | Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:
<input style="width: 600px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-5 | Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> during | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Date Filed: <input style="width: 450px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | | |
| 10-6 | Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes: | Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts): | | |

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

The Department has mutual aid agreements with Yuma Rural Fire Protection District, Haxtun Fire Protection District, and Holyoke Rural Fire Protection District.

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? YES NO

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 1	Print Board Member's Name Ron Oestman	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 2	Print Board Member's Name Gerland Klein	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 3	Print Board Member's Name Ryan Brackhan	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 4	Print Board Member's Name Austin Wilson	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 5	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 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: _____

