

Town of Paoli

Application for Exemption from Audit

December 31, 2023



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Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Mayor and Members of Town Council
Town of Paoli
Paoli, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Paoli as of December 31, 2023, and 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 Town of Paoli 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
February 29, 2024

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS

Town of Paoli
111 S. Lohn Avenue
Paoli, Colorado 80746

For the Year Ended
12/31/23
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL

Lacie Groshans
970-520-8797
townofpaoli@pctelcom.coop

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

Scott Szabo
Certified Public Accountant
Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.
205 Main Street - P.O. Box 1886, Sterling, CO 80751
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PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

DATE PREPARED

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.

February 29, 2024

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

GOVERNMENTAL
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)



PROPRIETARY
(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)



See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.

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)	\$ 14,721	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 1,746	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify): Other Taxes	\$ 3,875	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ 717	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ 5,701	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ 2,175	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 461	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ 19,646	
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): Rents	\$ 2,300	
2-22	Miscellaneous	\$ 173	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 51,515	

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	\$ 2,934	
3-2	Salaries	\$ 13,310	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 2,400	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 2,922	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 1,300	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 3,360	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 760	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 8,049	
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): Lab tests	\$ 911	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 35,946	

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.	☐	☒
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below: The Town does not have any outstanding debt; therefore, there is no debt repayment schedule attached.	☐	☒
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain below: 	☒	☐
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 & SBITA** Liabilities [GASB 87 & 96]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Developer Advances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

*Must agree to prior year-end 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? Date the debt was authorized:		
	\$ -		
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?	☐	☒
If yes:	How much?		
	\$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?	☐	☒
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?		
	\$ -		
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?	☐	☐
	What are the annual lease payments?		
	\$ -		

Part 4 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach separate documentation, if needed

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	\$ 138,272	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
	Total Cash Deposits		\$ 138,272
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
5-3		\$ -	
		\$ -	
	Total Investments		\$ -
	Total Cash and Investments		\$ 138,272

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.?	☐	☐	☒
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.)?	☒	☐	☐

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?

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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:

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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	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500
Buildings	\$ 285,373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,373
Machinery and equipment	\$ 28,655	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,655
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 3,668	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,668
Infrastructure	\$ 175,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,754
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 498,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 498,950

*must tie to prior year ending balance

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed:

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?

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7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?

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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?

\$ -

Part 7 - 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.? If no, **MUST** explain:

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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:

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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	\$ 46,060

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.

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If no, MUST explain:

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Yes

No

Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?

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If yes: Date of formation:

10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?

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If yes: Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:

10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?

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Please indicate what services the entity provides:

General government services including water, sewer and trash

10-4 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?

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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

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If yes: Date Filed:

10-6 Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?

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

Bond Redemption mills

General/Other mills

Total mills

	-
	8.543
	8.543

Yes

No

N/A

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10-7 **NEW 2023!** If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or after 7/1/2000, has the entity filed its preceding year annual report with the State Auditor as required under SB 21-262 [Section 32-1-207 C.R.S.]? If NO, please explain.

Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included:

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?	☒	☐
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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 <u>MAJORITY</u> of the members of the governing body must sign below.
Board Member 1	Print Board Member's Name Damon Harms	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 Jerry Wagner	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 Ron Guernsey	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 Dean Brom	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 Mike Borland	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 Grady Groshans	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 Heath Weiss	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 YEAR 2023 FOR THE **Town of Paoli**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Directors** of **Town of Paoli** wishes to claim exemption from 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

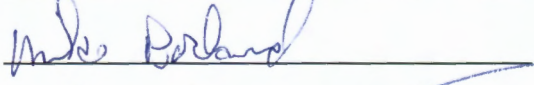
WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **Town of Paoli** exceeded \$100,000 for Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **Town of Paoli** has been prepared by **Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.**, a firm skilled in 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/ordained by the **Board of Directors** of the **Town of Paoli** that the application for exemption from audit for **Town of Paoli** for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Town of Paoli**; 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 **Town of Paoli** for the year ended December 31, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 20th day of March, 2024.

<u>Printed Name of Director</u>	<u>Date Term Expires</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Ron Guernsey	2024	
Damon Harms	2026	
Dean Brom	2024	
Mike Borland	2024	
Grady Groshans	2026	
Heath Weiss	2026	
Jerry Wagoner	2026	