

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

**NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS**

ARTESIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO BOX 39
DINOSAUR, CO 81610

For the Year Ended
12/31/24
or fiscal year ended:

**CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL**

MARSHELLE GRAY
435-823-6338
artesiafiredept@gmail.com

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**

MARLO COATES
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
COLOCPA SERVICES, PC
PO BOX 770, RANGELY, CO 81648
970-675-2222

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED <small>(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)</small>				
	3/6/2025				
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"> GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS) </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"> PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS) </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)	PROPRIETARY (CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART 2 - REVENUES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in question 10-7)	\$ 34,823	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 2,929	
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 to table 4-4, column "Issued during year")	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree to table 4-4, column "Issued during year")	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify): MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 5,618	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 43,370	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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 the nearest dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ 6,079	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 9,498	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 2,119	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 12,280	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 11,406	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ 1,640	
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 to table 4-4, column "Retired during year")	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree to table 4-4, column "Retired during year")	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify): TRANSFER TO CHIEF'S ACCOUNT	\$ 2,447	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 45,469	

If TOTAL REVENUES (Line 2-26) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-28) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**.
You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Add'l - 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? <i>(If 'No' is checked, skip to question 4-5)</i> <i>(If 'Yes' is checked, please attach a copy of the entity's debt repayment schedule)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4-2 Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain below: <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 below: <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: <small>(please only include principal amounts) (enter all amounts as positive numbers)</small>				
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 as of its fiscal year-end? How much? \$ - Date the debt was authorized: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEW 4-6 Is the authorized but unissued debt further limited by the entity's most recent Service Plan? If yes: How much? \$ - Date of the most recent Service Plan: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-7 Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year? If yes: How much? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-8 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 type="checkbox"/>
4-9 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? \$ -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	\$ 37,847	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS		\$ 37,847
5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ -
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$ 37,847

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

Part 5 - 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 |
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| 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?
<i>(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year	Additions [*]	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ 62,451	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,451
Buildings	\$ 273,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,503
Machinery and equipment	\$ 87,120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,120
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 11,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,600
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization <i>(Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)</i>	\$ (251,474)	\$ (7,365)	\$ -	\$ (258,839)
TOTAL	\$ 183,200	\$ (7,365)	\$ -	\$ 175,835

^{*}Must agree to prior year-end balance

[^]Generally capital asset additions should be reported as capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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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: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported (Please make sure each individual fund's appropriation agrees to how the budget was adopted. Do not combine funds)

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
GENERAL	\$41,526.00

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)]? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note: An election to exempt the entity from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the entity from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All entities should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

Part 9 - If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- | | Yes | No |
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| 10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?
If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?
If yes: Please list the NEW name: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>
Please list the PRIOR name: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:
<input style="width: 350px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO AND SURROUNDING AREA."/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 10-5 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:
<input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="TOWN OF DINOSAUR, COLORADO"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 10-6 Has the district filed a Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]
If yes: Date filed: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 10-7 Does the entity have a certified mill levy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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		9.233
Total mills		9.233

- | | Yes | No | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10-8 If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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
11-1	If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the Electronic Signature Policy ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Policy - Requirements



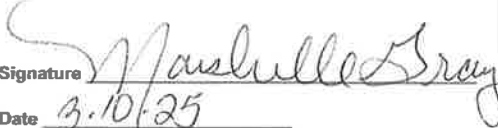
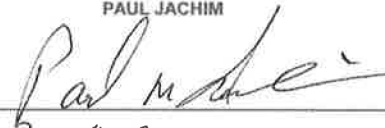

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- 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 two 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 or type the names of ALL members of current governing body below.
A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.

Board Member 1	Board Member's Name: MICHAEL TAYLOR I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: 2027	Signature:  Date: 3-10-2025
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name: KRIS DAVIS I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: 2025	Signature:  Date: 3-10-2025
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name: MARSHELLE GRAY I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: 2025	Signature:  Date: 3.10.25
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name: PAUL JACHIM I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: 2025	Signature:  Date: 3-10-25
Board Member 5	Board Member's Name: JULIE ELARTON I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: 2027	Signature:  Date: 3-10-2025
Board Member 6	Board Member's Name: _____ I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Signature: _____ Date: _____
Board Member 7	Board Member's Name: _____ I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 2024 FOR THE ARTESIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Artesia Fire Protection District 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 exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S; and

WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for Artesia Fire Protection District exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for Artesia Fire Protection District has been prepared Mario Coates, a person skilled in governmental accounting; and

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



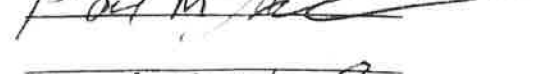
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Directors of the Artesia Fire Protection District that the application for exemption from audit for Artesia Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2024, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Artesia Fire Protection District; that those members of the Board of Directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution/ordinance shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the Artesia Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of March, A.D. 2025.


Treasurer

ATTEST:


Secretary

Type or Print Names of Members of Governing Body	Date Term Expires	Signature
<u>Julie Elarton</u>	<u>2027</u>	
<u>Marshelle Gray</u>	<u>2025</u>	
<u>Paul Jachim</u>	<u>2025</u>	
<u>Kris Davis</u>	<u>2025</u>	
<u>Michael Taylor</u>	<u>2027</u>	