

***Wages Fire Department***

**Application for Exemption from Audit**

**December 31, 2024**



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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, 2024, 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 5, 2025

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Wages Fire Department
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Rose Schmidt
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For the Year Ended  
12/31/24  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL

### 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:	Scott Szabo
TITLE	Certified Public Accountant
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.
ADDRESS	205 Main Street - P.O. Box 1886, Sterling, CO 80751
PHONE	970-522-2218

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED <small>(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)</small>				
See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report.	March 5, 2025				
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small></th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small></th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

## 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)	\$ -	
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 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): Capital credits	\$ 37	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 37	

## 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	\$ -	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 1,600	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 4	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 351	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 2,487	
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 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):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,442	

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 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? <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, <b>MUST</b> explain below: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-3 Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain below: <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: <i>(please only include principal amounts)</i> <i>(enter all amounts as positive numbers)</i>	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):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*\*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? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span> Date the debt was authorized: <span style="float: right;">_____</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NEW</b> 4-6 Is the authorized but unissued debt further limited by the entity's most recent Service Plan? If yes: How much? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span> Date of the most recent Service Plan: <span style="float: right;">_____</span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-7 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"/>
4-8 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"/>
4-9 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? <span style="float: right;">\$ -</span>	<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	\$ 17,314	
5-2 Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS</b>		<b>\$ 17,314</b>
5-3 Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 17,314</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"/>

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                       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?<br><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, <b>MUST</b> 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ 45,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,905
Machinery and equipment	\$ 275,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,335
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 321,240</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 321,240</b>

\*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.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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.?<br>If no, <b>MUST</b> explain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                                     |                          |                          |
| 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, <b>MUST</b> explain:   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                                     |                          |                          |

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 Fund	\$7,400.00

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

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

- |  | Yes                                 | No                       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9-1</b> Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?<br><br><i>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.</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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                                  |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>10-1</b> Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?<br>If yes: Date of formation: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-2</b> Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?<br>If yes: Please list the NEW name: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/><br>Please list the PRIOR name: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-3</b> Is the entity a metropolitan district?   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-4</b> Please indicate what services the entity provides:<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>   |                                     |                                     |
| <b>10-5</b> Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?<br>If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>10-6</b> Has the district filed a <i>Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status</i> 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.]<br>If yes: Date filed: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10-7</b> Does the entity have a certified mill levy?<br>If yes: Please provide the following <u>mills</u> levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bond redemption mills <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> -   |                                     |                                     |
| General/other mills <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> -   |                                     |                                     |
| <b>Total mills</b> <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> -  |                                     |                                     |
|  | Yes                                 | No                                  |
| <b>10-8</b> 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 <b>NO</b> , please explain.<br><input style="width: 500px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

## 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?

### 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:	Ronnie Oestman
	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name:	Gerland Klein
	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name:	Ryan Brackhan
	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name:	Tim Fetzer
	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
Board Member 5	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	Date _____
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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	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.	Signature _____
	My term expires: _____	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 YEAR 2024 FOR THE **Wages Fire Department**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **Board of Directors of Wages Fire Department** 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 **Wages Fire Department** exceeded \$100,000 for Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **Wages Fire Department** 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 **Wages Fire Department** that the application for exemption from audit for **Wages Fire Department** for the year ended December 31, 2024, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Wages Fire Department**; 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 **Wages Fire Department** for the year ended December 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

<u>Printed Name of Director</u>	<u>Date Term Expires</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Ronnie Oestman	2025	
Gerland Klein	2025	
Ryan Brackhan	2025	
Tim Fetzer	2025	