

# Highlights

## Charter Authority

Article II, Section 216 of the Charter of Kansas City, Missouri, establishes the position of the city auditor as independent of the city manager. The city auditor is appointed by and reports to the mayor and City Council. The charter grants the city auditor complete access to the books and records of all city departments.

The city auditor uses this access, independence, and authority in performing the charter mandate to carry on a continuous investigation of the work of all city departments.

The City Council's Finance and Governance Committee oversees the activities of the city auditor.

## Mission

The mission of the City Auditor's Office is to conduct independent assessments of the work of city government and provide elected officials, management, and the public with objective information and recommendations to improve city operations and strengthen city government's accountability to the public.

We seek to accomplish our mission through performance audits conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the core values (accountability, transparency, integrity, and professionalism) that guide our work as government auditors.

Click [here](#) to view the full report.

To view other audit reports, please visit our website <http://kcmo.gov/cityauditor> and click on Search Audit Reports.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### Audits and Activities of the City Auditor's Office in Fiscal Year 2017

#### Our Year in Brief

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The City Auditor's Office promotes government accountability, transparency, and improved city operations through independent evaluations of city departments and programs.

We achieved our goal of releasing nine audits in fiscal year 2017. We also released two council memoranda. Our audits examined the following issues:

- public accountability and transparency of the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District;
- the relevance, understandability, comparability, timeliness, consistency, and reliability of four performance measures used by the Communicable Disease Prevention and Public Health Preparedness Division;
- whether the city can improve the efficiency of its investigation of equal employment opportunity complaints;
- the adequacy of the city's bike plan to guide the implementation of on-street bike infrastructure to achieve city goals;
- security practices to mitigate cyber risks on smartphones and tablets used for city business;
- the Fire Department's implementation of safeguards to protect controlled substances;
- whether the city has incorporated recommended practices into its hotline activities;
- the city's ability to access executed city contracts; and
- how the Police Department's take-home vehicle program impacts its allocation of vehicle resources.

These reports suggested ways the city could improve the delivery of services to the public and employees, and ensure appropriate controls are in place to manage or protect \$4.8 million in public monies or assets.

#### Our Numbers

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Our results for fiscal year 2017:

- Audit reports released = 9
- Recommendations made = 61
- Percent of recommendations agreed to by management = 91%
- Staff years of audit experience = 160
- Certifications and licenses held by audit staff = 12
- Percent of staff meeting required continuing professional education hours = 100%
- Leadership roles in professional associations = 7
- Number of times audits & documents accessed online = 14,748
- Public presentations related to our audits and work = 40
- Office expenditures = \$1,270,074
- Full-time staff = 10