

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 provide elected officials, management, and the public with independent and objective information regarding the work of city government to help 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 issued by the U.S. Comptroller General and our core values of accountability, transparency, integrity, and professionalism.

For more information, contact the City Auditor's Office at 816-513-3300 or cityauditor@kcmo.org.

To view the complete report, go to <https://data.kcmo.org/> and click on Audits, Annual Audit Plan & Reports.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE 2016 Annual Report (year ended April 30, 2016)

Our Year in Brief

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

We released ten audits in fiscal year 2015. We evaluated a range of city programs and activities across the City Council's goal areas of Customer Service, Finance & Governance, Infrastructure & Transportation, and Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities. Our audits examined the following issues:

- the accuracy and validity of 311 data;
- governance practices of city boards and commissions;
- whether the tri-party agreement governing KC Streetcar protects the city's interests;
- Neighborhoods and Housing Services compliance from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 with obligations under the Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- the city's succession planning policy;
- compliance with street plate requirements;
- the financial condition of the city's enterprise funds;
- employees' perceptions of the city's ethical environment; and
- Land Bank's monitoring procedures to ensure compliance with contracts and other agreements.

We completed our eighth peer review that measured our compliance with Government Auditing Standards and received a full compliance opinion from the review team. The reviewers also noted that the City Auditor's Office *"...conducts audits with the potential for significant impact that are responsive to the needs and concerns of decision-makers and/or the public."*

Our Numbers

Our results for fiscal year 2016:

- Audit reports released = 10
- Recommendations issued = 26
- Recommendation agreement rate = 100%
- Change in average hours per report = (621)
- Office expenditures = \$1,251,889
- Authorized number of staff positions = 12
- Staff years of audit experience = 159
- Certifications and licenses held by audit staff = 12
- Hours of continuing education earned by staff = 626
- Leadership roles in professional associations & national committees = 7
- Number of times audits & documents accessed on website/open data = 4,798
- Presentations to council committees, city boards, and external groups = 30
- Audit suggestions from the public = 45