

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, Governance and Ethics 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 auditor@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 2015 Annual Report (year ended April 30, 2015)

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 seven audits in fiscal year 2015. We evaluated a range of city programs and activities across the City Council goal areas of Finance & Governance, Infrastructure & Transportation, Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities, and Public Safety. Our audits examined the following issues:

- the Fire Department's computer aided dispatch system;
- whether the Police Department established fees and charges at the Regional Police Academy that reflect all costs of providing training and other services;
- Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department's compliance from April 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 with obligations under the Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- city employees' and the Information Technology Division's response to a phishing email test;
- management of the city's leasable property by the General Services Department;
- whether street-related permit fees are reviewed and updated regularly; and
- how the city protects the personally identifiable information it collects and maintains.

Our Numbers

Our results for fiscal year 2015:

- Audit reports issued = 7
- Recommendations issued = 52
- Recommendation agreement rate = 91%
- Potential economic impact of audit recommendations = \$493,845
- Change in average hours per report = (210)
- Office expenditures = \$1,222,362
- Authorized number of staff positions = 12
- Staff years of audit experience = 157
- Certifications and licenses held by audit staff = 11
- Hours of continuing education earned by staff members = 491
- Leadership roles in professional associations = 4