

Highlights

Our 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.

Our 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 our core values of 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 2019

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 five audits in fiscal year 2019, two less than our goal. Our audits recommended ways the city could avoid \$5 million in costs. We also identified 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 \$183 million in public assets.

The audits examined the following issues:

- The adequacy of Water Services' controls over storeroom inventories;
- whether contract selection practices previously recommended by the City Auditor's Office where incorporated into the city's written policies and procedures;
- the city's effectiveness in addressing identified network vulnerabilities;
- whether the investment of public funds in parking garages supports the city's transportation strategies for greater downtown Kansas City; and
- whether the GOkc Sidewalk Repair Program's practices and observable outcomes could be improved.

We successfully passed our ninth external peer review; receiving the highest possible rating. Government Auditing Standards require us to undergo an external peer review at least once every three years.

Our Numbers

Our results for fiscal year 2019:

- Audit reports released: 5
- Potential *direct* financial impact: \$5,000,000
- Potential *indirect* financial impact: \$183,000,000
- Percent of recommendations agreed to by management: 97%
- Percent of fiscal year 2017 recommendations implemented within two years: 72%
- Number of times audits and documents accessed online: 3,546
- Public presentations related to our work: 52
- Staff years of audit experience: 179
- Professional certifications and licenses held by audit staff: 12
- Percent of staff meeting required continuing professional education hours: 100%
- Leadership roles in professional associations: 7
- Office expenditures: \$1,288,963
- Staff: 10