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TO: Local Political Subdivisions

FROM: Mark Avery, CPA

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RE: 2019 Audit Waiver Requests

Attached is the 2019 Audit Waiver Request Form. State statute and the Nebraska Administrative Code require local political subdivisions to file annual audit reports with the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) unless a waiver of the audit requirement has been requested and approved. If your subdivision will have an audit completed by a CPA firm for the fiscal year ending in 2019, you simply need to file a copy of your audit report with our office within **six months** after the end of your fiscal year and you may disregard the rest of this notice and the enclosed 2019 Audit Waiver Request Form. (*If your subdivision is a housing authority*, you have a filing deadline of nine months after the end of your fiscal year).

If the governing board does not plan to have an audit completed for the 2019 fiscal year, then you must obtain approval from the APA for the audit waiver. We recommend submitting the audit waiver so it is received within **three months** after the end of your fiscal year. We are requesting the audit waiver request be submitted within three months to allow time to complete an audit if your request is denied.

One of the APA's main criteria when reviewing the Audit Waiver Request Form is the dollar amount of the subdivision's total disbursements (not including inter-fund transfers). An amount of \$300,000 or greater, in total disbursements is the threshold at which the APA will generally deny the Audit Waiver Request and require an audit to be conducted by a CPA.

Please ensure the following is included in the information returned for the request for an audit waiver.

- 1. The cover sheet must be completely filled out including the subdivision name, city/county location and fiscal period used. In addition, there must be printed names, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address, as indicated on the cover sheet.
- 2. The summary statement should include <u>ALL</u> cash receipts, disbursements, and balances of the subdivision. This should reflect the actual activity of the subdivision for the fiscal year, (not estimated or budgeted information). <u>The prescribed form must be used</u>. Please check your addition. If an alternate form is used or this form contains errors, it will be returned to you.

- 3. Break out your receipts and disbursements as shown on the form.
 - State Receipts and Local Receipts may be reported in total for each of those receipt types, or they may be reported by separately identifying each specific type of State or Local Receipt.
 - If the political subdivision has registered warrants, we would expect to see them on the form, listed under Local Receipts.
- 4. If you show inter-fund transfers on the form, please include an explanation about why the transfer was done and what funds were involved. "Transfers In" **must equal** "Transfers Out."
- 5. Review your prior year's Audit Waiver Request Form. Your "Beginning of Year Balance" on this year's form, (lines 2-5) **must equal** the total of the "Ending Balance Consists of" (lines 33-36) from the prior year's Audit Waiver Request Form (fiscal year ended 2018).
- 6. The request must include a copy of the minutes from the governing board, which document the board decision to request a waiver of the audit requirement.
- 7. Please keep a copy of the form for your records.

The request cannot be processed without the above documentation.

To Submit Your Audit Waiver Request Form

The Audit Waiver Request Form along with a copy of the minutes can be submitted via our website (www.auditors.nebraska.gov), click on "Submit your Audit or Budget" on the left side and follow the on screen steps. Have your submission in a PDF file which contains your filing along with any attachments. You can also mail in your Audit Waiver Request Form to:

Auditor of Public Accounts PO Box 98917 Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8917

All audit waiver requests received by this office will receive a response. Notification of the Approval of this Audit Waiver Request will be sent to the Subdivision Chairperson via email. If no email address is included for the Subdivision Chairperson, notification will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service. Please indicate on the first page of the Audit Waiver Request Form who we should contact (Board Chairperson, Preparer, or Other Contact) with questions about this year's filing.

The Audit Requirement Is Separate And Distinct From The Required Budget Filing.

<u>IF</u> you use the Budget Form as your Audit Waiver,
this separate Audit Waiver <u>DOES NOT</u> need to be completed and submitted.

If you have any questions about the audit requirement or the information needed in the waiver request form, please feel free to contact:

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2019 AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST FORM

| SUBDIVISION NAME: | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| COUNTY LOCATION: | County | | | |
| FISCAL PERIOD USED: | TO | | | |
| The governing board of the above-named subdivision hereby requests that the Auditor of Public Accounts waive the 2019 audit requirement established by Title 41 of the rules and regulations issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The attached information is an accurate summary of the total financial activity and position of the above-named subdivision for the 2019 fiscal year stated. | | | | |
| Entity Official Address | Board Chairperson | | | |
| (Address) | (Name) | | | |
| (City & Zip Code) | (Title) | | | |
| (Telephone) | (Telephone) | | | |
| (Website) | (E-Mail Address) | | | |
| Preparer | Other Contact | | | |
| (Name) | (Name) | | | |
| (Title / Firm Name) | (Title / Firm Name) | | | |
| (Telephone) | (Telephone) | | | |
| (Email Address) | (Email Address) | | | |
| *NOTE: Notification of the Approval of this Aumail. If no e-mail address is included, notification | dit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via e- on will be mailed via the US Postal Service. | | | |
| | Board Chairperson | | | |
| For Questions on this form, who should we | | | | |
| contact (please ✓ one): Contact will be via e-mail, if supplied. | Preparer | | | |
| Contact will be via e mail, il supplied. | Other Contact | | | |

***The decision to request a waiver of the audit requirement rather than having an audit performed must be made by the governing board, not an individual officer. A copy of the minutes from the meeting at which the governing board voted to approve the waiver request <u>must</u> be attached to document that decision.

If Budget was used as Waiver, <u>DO NOT</u> submit this form also. DO NOT ATTACH THIS FORM TO BUDGET DOCUMENT

NOTE: Remember to keep a copy for your records

2019 AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTUAL CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND BALANCES

| | | Total of All Funds |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Beginning of Year Balance: | |
| 2 | Net Cash Balance | |
| 3 | Investments | |
| 4 | County Treasurer's Balance | |
| 5 | Subtotal of Beginning Balances [Line 2 + Line 3 + Line 4] | |
| 6 | Receipts: | |
| 7 | Personal and Real Property Taxes | |
| 8 | Federal Receipts | |
| 9 | State Receipts | |
| 10 | State Receipts | |
| 11 | State Receipts | |
| 12 | Local Receipts | |
| 13 | Local Receipts | |
| 14 | Local Receipts | |
| 15 | Transfers Between Funds In (Explain Transfers Below) | |
| 16 | Total Resources Available [Total of Line 5 + Lines 7 thru 15] | |
| 17 | Disbursements: | |
| 18 | Operating Expenses | |
| 19 | Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements) | |
| 20 | Other Capital Outlay | |
| 21 | Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments | |
| 22 | Debt Service: Other | |
| 23 | Judgments | |
| 24 | Transfers Between Funds Out (Explain Transfers Below) | |
| 25 | Total Disbursements [Total of Lines 18 thru 24] | |
| 26 | Balance Forward/Ending Balance [Line 16 MINUS Line 25] | |
| 27 | Ending Balance consists of: | |
| 28 | Cash on Hand and in Bank | |
| 29 | Investments | |
| 30 | Cash at County Treasurer | |
| 31 | Total [Line 28 + Line 29 + Line 30] Should Equal Line 26 | |
| | nd Transfers: | |
| From: | | Amount |
| To: | | |
| Reason | | |
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