

ORDINANCE NO. 180844

Amending Section 2-112, Code of Ordinances, entitled “Duties of city auditor”, by imposing additional procedural requirements regarding the City Auditor’s budget.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 216 of the City Charter, the City Auditor is appointed by and reports to the Mayor and City Council and is independent of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 803 of the City Charter, the City Auditor submits a budget request and the basis of such request to the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 805 of the City Charter, the City Council adopts the final budget; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of strengthening the independence of the audit function, the City Council desires that the budget of the City Auditor’s Office receives proper review and discussion; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Section 2-112, Code of Ordinances, entitled “Duties of city auditor”, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-112. Duties of city auditor.

(a) *In general.* The duties of the City Auditor shall be as provided by the Charter and by the specific provisions of this chapter.

(b) *City Auditor’s Office Annual budget.*

(1) Prior to the city auditor submitting an annual budget request to the city manager in accordance with timelines established by the city manager, the city auditor shall present the proposed annual budget request for the City Auditor’s Office to the council committee responsible for overseeing the activities of the city auditor for discussion.

(2) During the operation of the city’s fiscal year, the city manager shall meet and confer with the city auditor prior to making a material adjustment to the city auditor’s annual budget adopted by the council.

(c) *Obtain responses to audit recommendations.* Each city department, board, commission, or other office of the city audited by the city auditor shall submit a written response to the recommendations of the city auditor within 15 working days after the audit report draft is made available for review and comment.

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(d) *Monitor implementation of audit recommendations.*

- (1) Each city department, board, commission, or other office of the city audited by the city auditor shall submit progress reports to the city auditor every six months on the implementation of audit report recommendations until all recommendations are reported as implemented or not implemented.
- (2) The city auditor shall periodically communicate progress towards implementation of audit report recommendations to the mayor and council.

(e) *Distribute audits and reports to Ethics Commission.*

- (1) *Normal distribution.* When audits or reports are presented to the City Council, or if no presentation is to be made when the audits or reports are distributed to the City Council, the City Auditor will provide copies of the audits or reports to the members of the Municipal Officials and Officers Ethics Commission for their information and consideration.
- (2) *Closed material.* Should any audit or report contain information closed to public review, the City Auditor will make that information available to members of the Commission for review at the City Auditor's Office or other acceptable location.
- (3) *Internet.* At the request of any member of the Commission, the City Auditor may distribute the Web site link at which the report can be located in lieu of the printed audit or report.

Approved as to form and legality:

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