

AUSTIN

CITY COUNCIL
ORIENTATION



Office of the City Auditor
Corrie Stokes-Acting City Auditor

OUR MISSION



To promote transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in Austin city government

CITY CHARTER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CITY AUDITOR



Appointed by Council for a five year term

Reports to Council through a Council audit committee

Can conduct financial, performance, investigative or other audits following government auditing standards

Assists the Council in establishing accountability and improving service delivery



AUDIT SERVICES



Performance Audits



Special Requests

PERFORMANCE AUDITS



Audits can evaluate whether:

- **Programs are achieving outcomes**
- **Services are provided efficiently, effectively, and/or equitably**
- **Resources are used effectively**
- **Legal requirements are met**

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Report No.	Date Issued	Report Title	Report Type
AU14116	12/2014	Short-Term Rental Registration and Tax Compliance Audit	Audit
AU14121	12/2014	Five Year Follow-Up Audit	Audit
AU14117	12/2014	Building and Development Fees Audit	Audit
AS15101	12/2014	Report on Peer City Council Committees and Council Meeting Management	Special Request
AU14118	11/2014	Cemetery Sales Administration and Management Audit	Audit
AU14109	10/2014	Performance Measurement System Audit	Audit

PERFORMANCE AUDITS



Annual audit plan:

- **Based on environmental scan of**
 - Council priorities
 - current events
 - management input
 - past audit coverage/results
- **Approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee**
- **Currently following an interim plan**



SPECIAL REQUESTS

Designed to answer specific questions to assist Council in decision making

Some examples are:

- **Special request on Council Committees and Council Meeting Management**
- **Equity of Cultural Arts Funding Distribution**
- **PARD Special Events Parking Revenue Collection**
- **Watershed Protection – Recovery Buyout Program**

INTEGRITY SERVICES



**Investigations of fraud,
waste, or abuse**



Proactive projects

INVESTIGATIONS OF FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE



Examples of potential fraud include intentionally:

- **Stealing or removing City assets**
- **Using City equipment, facilities, or supplies for non-City purposes**
- **Obtaining inappropriate compensation**
- **Circumventing purchasing procedures for personal gain**

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QUALITY ASSURANCE



We follow audit and investigative standards that address:

- **Independence**
- **Objectivity**
- **Staff qualifications**
- **Evidence**
- **Public reporting**
- **Quality control**



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