

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

IF EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES EXCEED \$100,000, USE THE **LONG FORM**.

Under the Local Government Audit Law (Section 29-1-601, et seq., C.R.S.) any local government may apply for an exemption from audit if neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$750,000 in the year.

### EXEMPTIONS FROM AUDIT ARE NOT AUTOMATIC

To qualify for exemption from audit, a local government must complete an Application for Exemption from Audit EACH YEAR and submit it to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA).

Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit-SHORT FORM must be a person skilled in governmental accounting.

Approval for an exemption from audit is granted only upon the review by the OSA.

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE OSA WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ACCOUNTING YEAR-END.

FOR EXAMPLE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OSA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31 FOR GOVERNMENTS WITH A DECEMBER 31 YEAR-END.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON THE MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS  
PROPRIETARY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON A BUDGETARY BASIS

POSTMARK DATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF SUBMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE STATUTORY DEADLINE

PRIOR YEAR FORMS ARE OBSOLETE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.  
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON FORMS OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE OSA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/Colorado/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

## CHECKLIST

- Has the preparer signed the application?
- Has the entity corrected all Prior Year Deficiencies as communicated by the OSA?
- Has the application been PERSONALLY reviewed and approved by the governing body?
- Did you include any relevant explanations for unusual items in the appropriate spaces at the end of each section?
- Will this application be submitted via Fax or Email?
  - If yes, have you read and understand the new Electronic Signature Policy? See new policy -> [here](#)
- or--
- If yes, have you included a resolution?
  - Does the resolution state that the governing body PERSONALLY reviewed and approved the resolution in an open public meeting?
  - Has the resolution been signed by a MAJORITY of the governing body? (See sample resolution.)
- Will this application be submitted via a mail service? (e.g. US Post Office, FedEx, UPS, courier.)
  - If yes, does the application include ORIGINAL INK SIGNATURES from the MAJORITY of the governing body?

## FILING METHODS

**NEW METHOD!** Register and submit your Applications at our new portal!

**WEB PORTAL:** <https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lq>

**MAIL:** Office of the State Auditor  
Local Government Audit Division  
1525 Sherman St., 7th Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

**FAX:** 303-869-3061

**EMAIL:** [osa.lg@state.co.us](mailto:osa.lg@state.co.us)

**QUESTIONS?** 303-869-3000

### IMPORTANT!

All Applications for Exemption from Audit are subject to review and approval by the Office of the State Auditor.

Governmental Activity should be reported on the Modified Accrual Basis

Proprietary Activity should be reported on the Cash or Budgetary Basis

Failure to file an application or denial of the request could cause the local government to lose its exemption from audit for that year and the ensuing year.

In that event, AN AUDIT SHALL BE REQUIRED.

# APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

## SHORT FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT  
ADDRESS

Four Mile ranch Metropolitan District No.4
c/o Fritsche Law, LLC
3900 E. Mexico Ave., Suite 300
Denver, CO 80210
Joan M. Fritsche
719-991-4444
joan@fritschelaw.com

For the Year Ended  
12/31/20  
or fiscal year ended:

CONTACT PERSON  
PHONE  
EMAIL  
FAX

### PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:  
TITLE  
FIRM NAME (if applicable)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE  
DATE PREPARED

Leslie Monroe
District Accountant
Accounting Associates, LLC
PO Box 1892, Gypsum, CO 81637
970-379-2729
09/30/2021

### PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<b>GOVERNMENTAL</b> <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	<b>PROPRIETARY</b> <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PART 2 - REVENUE

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in Question 10-6)	\$ -	
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ -	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ -	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ -	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree with line 4-4, column 2)	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24	(add lines 2-1 through 2-23) TOTAL REVENUE	\$ -	

## PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line#	Description	Round to nearest Dollar	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-1	Administrative	\$ -	
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ -	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ -	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ -	
3-9	Supplies	\$ -	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ -	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ -	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree with Part 4)	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree with line 4-4)	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc. (should agree to line 7-2)	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26	(add lines 3-1 through 3-24) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ -	

If TOTAL REVENUE (Line 2-24) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-26) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

## PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt? If Yes, please attach a copy of the entity's Debt Repayment Schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Service Plan authorizing debt is consolidated for Four Mile Ranch Metro Districts No. 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4. Only District 1 has issued long term debt, this District has not.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, MUST explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)(enter all amount as positive numbers)		
	<b>General obligation bonds</b>	\$ -	\$ -
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -
	Notes/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
	Leases	\$ -	\$ -
	Developer Advances	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,010</b>	<b>\$ 2,010</b>

\*must tie to prior year ending balance

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.

		Yes	No
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much? Date the debt was authorized:		
	\$ 39,298,600.00 09/04/2003		
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	How much?		
	\$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?		
	\$ -		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes:	What is being leased? What is the original date of the lease? Number of years of lease?		
	\$ -		
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	What are the annual lease payments?		

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

		Amount	Total
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings Accounts	\$ -	
5-2	Certificates of deposit	\$ -	
<b>Total Cash Deposits</b>			\$ -
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):		
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
5-3		\$ -	
		\$ -	
<b>Total Investments</b>			\$ -
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>			\$ -

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes

		Yes	No	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-5	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations:

## PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No

- 6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?  Yes       No
- 6-2 Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, MUST explain:  Yes       No

6-3 Complete the following capital assets table:

	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions (Must be included in Part 3)	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No

- 7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firemen's pension plan?  Yes       No
- 7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firemen's pension plan?  Yes       No
- If yes: Who administers the plan?

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan  \$ -

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No                      N/A

- 8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?  Yes       No       N/A  
budget filed late (filed in 2021)
- 8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:  Yes       No       N/A  
passed and filed late (2021)

If yes: Please indicate the amount budgeted for each fund for the year reported:

Fund Name	Budgeted Expenditures/Expenses
General Fund	\$ -

## PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box

Yes                      No

- 9-1** Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?
- Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

**If no, MUST explain:**

## PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes                      No

- 10-1** Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?
- If yes: **Date of formation:**
- 10-2** Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?

If yes: **Please list the NEW name & PRIOR name:**

- 10-3** Is the entity a metropolitan district?
- Please indicate what services the entity provides:**

- 10-4** Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?
- If yes: **List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:**

- 10-5** Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* during
- If yes: **Date Filed:**

- 10-6** Does the entity have a certified Mill Levy?

If yes: **Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):**

Bond Redemption mills	-
General/Other mills	-
Total mills	-

Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:

## PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box		YES	NO
12-1	If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedure

#### Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

**The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:**

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
  - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, **or**
  - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.



Print the names of ALL members of current governing body below. Print Board Member's Name		A <u>MAJORITY</u> of the members of the governing body must complete and sign in the column below.
Board Member 1		I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 2	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 3	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 4	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 5	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 6	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____
Board Member 7	Print Board Member's Name	I _____, attest I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed _____ Date: _____ My term Expires: _____

# EXAMPLE - DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PAGE

This sample resolution/ordinance for exemption from audit is provided as an example of the documentation that is required. The wording may be used as a basis for your own local government document, if needed; however you MUST draft your own ordinance or resolution making any changes where applicable. Legal counsel should be consulted regarding any questions.

## RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 20XX FOR THE **(name of government)**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **(governing body)** of **(name of government)** wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

**[Choose 1 or 2 below, whichever is applicable]**

(1) WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of individual)**, a person skilled in governmental accounting; and

OR

(2) WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of individual or firm)**, an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations, issued by the State Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the **(governing body)** of the **(name of government)** that the application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** for the Fiscal Year ended \_\_\_\_\_, 20XX, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **(governing body)** of the **(name of government)**; that those members of the **(governing body)** have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the **(name of government)** for the fiscal year ended \_\_\_\_\_, 20XX.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20XX.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/President/Chairman, etc.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk, Secretary, etc.

Type or Print Names of  
Members of Governing Body \_\_\_\_\_

Date  
Term  
Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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