

**REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON
AUDIT COMMENTS AND DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY STATE REGULATIONS
June 30, 2009

Introduction

Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-000 through 162-10-330 incorporate the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations. These standards, prescribed by the Secretary of State in cooperation with the Oregon State Board of Accountancy, enumerate the financial statements, schedules, comments and disclosures required in audit reports. The required statements and schedules are set forth in the preceding section of this report. Required comments and disclosures related to our audit of such statements and schedules are contained in this section.

Internal Accounting Control

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon (the City) for the year ended June 30, 2009 and have issued our report thereon dated December 24, 2009.

The management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operations of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, the Honorable Mayor and Council, and the State of Oregon, Secretary of State, Division of Audits, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

In connection with our audit:

Accounting Records

We found the accounting records of the City to be adequate for audit purposes considering the size and complexity of the municipal corporation.

Collateral

The City was in compliance with ORS Chapter 295 regarding collateral securing deposits for fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

Indebtedness

During our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the City was not in compliance with limitation and the provision of bond indentures and other agreements.

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Budgets

We reviewed budgets adopted by the City for the current and ensuing fiscal year. Budget preparation and adoption procedures followed by the City appear to be in compliance with Oregon Local Budget Law (ORS Chapter 294.305 to 294.520).

Insurance and Fidelity Bonds

We reviewed policies relating to insurance and fidelity bond coverage and ascertained that such policies appeared to be in force. We are not competent by training to state whether the insurance policies covering the City-owned property in force at June 30, 2009 are adequate.

Programs Funded from Outside Sources

We reviewed and tested, to the extent we considered necessary in the circumstances, transactions and reports relative to federal and state grant programs. The City appeared to have appropriate procedures for making expenditures on behalf of, and reporting for, such programs.

Highway Funds

The City was in compliance with legal requirements pertaining to the use of Highway Funds.

Investments

The City's investments for the year ended June 30, 2009 were tested and appear to be in compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 295 with regard to legal restrictions pertaining to the investment of public funds.

Public Contracts and Purchasing

We reviewed and tested the City's procedures for awarding public contracts. The City appears to be in compliance with the cost accounting guidelines developed by the State of Oregon Executive Department with regard to the City's construction projects and ORS Chapter 279 in the awarding of public contracts and the construction of public improvements.

Independently Elected Officials

The Independently Elected Officials of the City do not receive and disburse funds. Accordingly a Schedule of Accountability for Independently Elected Officials is not included.

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