

CITY OF KIRTLAND

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-R-65

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FROM THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to enter into a contract to provide assistance in the preparation of its basic financial statements for fiscal years 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Finance that Local Government Services from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office be retained to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, Council hereby accepts the recommendation that Local Government Services from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office is the best firm to perform said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kirtland, County of Lake and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Local Government Services from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office, in generally the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to provide assistance in the preparation of the City's basic financial statements for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for a total contract price not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$25,200) for the two-year period, based generally on its proposal dated September 26, 2022, and all actions of the Director of Finance to date, relative to said contract, are hereby ratified.

SECTION 2: This contract is entered into without formal competitive bidding for the reason that the subject contract is for professional and personal services and as such is an exception to the formal bidding procedures as required by law.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, comfort, prosperity, morals and general welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is necessary to utilize the services of Local Government Services for the prosperity of the City to guarantee the rate of services and ensure that the City is assigned onto an Auditor of State schedule for the upcoming audit periods. Therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise this Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption at the earliest period allowed by law.

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

DATE PASSED: _____

President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his
Approval on this _____ day of
_____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Approved by the Mayor on this ____
day of _____, 2022.

Clerk of Council
LGS Contract for Financial Statements – 2022

Mayor Kevin F. Potter



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ContactLGS@ohioauditor.gov

September 26, 2022

Mr. Louis Slapnicker, Finance Director
City of Kirtland
9301 Chillicothe Road
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Dear Mr. Slapnicker:

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement with the City of Kirtland (the City) and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide.

We will provide the following services:

Using our conversion software, Local Government Services (LGS) will compile, from information you provide, the annual financial statements of the City of Kirtland as of and for the years ending December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023, and issue an accountant's report thereon in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARSs) issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

The objective of our engagement is to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. LGS will conduct our compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct, including the ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care.

LGS is not required to, and will not, verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you will provide to us for the engagement or otherwise gather evidence for the purpose of expressing an opinion or a conclusion. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion or a conclusion or provide any assurance on the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the entity or noncompliance with laws and regulations.

Our engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that management acknowledges and understands that our role is to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management has the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement to prepare your financial statements in accordance with SSARSs: 1) The selection of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements; 2) The prevention and detection of fraud; 3) To ensure that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities; 4) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement to prepare financial statements; and 5) To provide us with documentation, and other related information that is relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements; additional information that may be requested for the purpose of the preparation of the financial statements; and unrestricted access to persons within the City of Kirtland of whom we determine necessary to communicate.

As part of our engagement, LGS will issue a report that will state that we did not audit or review the financial statements and that, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, or provide any assurance on them.

You agree to include our accountant's compilation report in any document containing financial statements that indicate that we have performed a compilation engagement on such financial statements and, prior to inclusion of the report, to ask our permission to do so.

The City of Kirtland remains responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. It is therefore the responsibility of the City to be in a position in fact and appearance to make informed judgments while reviewing, evaluating, and approving the services provided under this engagement. It is also the City of Kirtland's responsibility to design, implement and maintain internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

To demonstrate that the City is fulfilling these responsibilities, the following safeguards will be observed. The City will designate a management level individual to be the primary contact accountable for overseeing this engagement and who will take responsibility for the appropriateness of the results of this engagement. If the City has determined that someone other than the individual with whom we worked last year to fulfill this role, the City must submit documentation to support the new designee's knowledge and capability to perform this function.

We will meet with this individual bi-weekly to update our progress and to allow the individual to monitor engagement performance to ensure it meets management's objectives. This individual will perform all management functions and make all management decisions related to this conversion and compilation and will accept full responsibility for such decisions. Accordingly, this individual will review and approve all proposed adjustments before they are entered in the conversion software. Finally, this individual will evaluate the adequacy of the services performed under this engagement by the Local Government Services Section of the Office of the Auditor of State.

It is understood and agreed that the performance of this engagement by LGS will not lessen the scope and extent of the audit work to be performed by the Financial Audit Group of the Office of the Auditor of State.

Management is responsible for making all financial records and related information available to LGS. The hours of service offered in this letter are based upon the following information being provided by the City:

1. Information required to confirm appropriate fund classification and major fund status;
2. Information to allow the allocation of internal service funds to governmental and business-type activities;
3. Information regarding estimated revenues and appropriations for use in the preparation of budgetary statements including original budget amounts for all funds required to be presented in the basic financial statements and documentation to insure that financial records are in agreement with amended certificates requested and appropriations passed by the Board during 2022 and 2023;
4. A current, complete, and appropriately classified record of all cash receipts and disbursements made during the year, along with bank reconciliations of all City and bank accounts as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;
5. Documentation for receivables including taxes, intergovernmental and accounts receivable, inventory, and prepaid items as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;
6. The balances for all governmental capital assets by program and type and proprietary capital assets by fund and type as of the beginning and end of the year, including appropriate information regarding accumulated depreciation, as well as current year additions (including accounts charged

for related expenditures) and deletions (including any related proceeds and accumulated depreciation on the deleted asset). In addition, information is required that presents depreciation expense by fund and type for proprietary capital assets and by program and type for general capital assets for December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;

7. Information regarding accrued salaries, compensated absences (both current and long-term), accounts payables, workers' compensation, retirement, and other current and long-term liabilities as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;
8. Information regarding short-term debt (notes) including a schedule of changes in short-term debt that details balances at the beginning and end of the year, increases and decreases and the purpose for which the short-term debt was issued;
9. Information regarding long-term debt balances as of the beginning and end of the year and information regarding additions and payments that occurred during the year. Information that details issuance costs, premiums and discounts for additions should be identified separately.
10. Copies of amortization schedules that distinguish between principal and interest for each outstanding debt issue;
11. All documentation necessary to determine reporting entity. If it is determined that the City will be required to report a component unit, GAAP financial statements for the component unit must be provided in a timely fashion for preparation of the City's financial statements;
12. Information to support necessary modified accrual and accrual adjustments as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;
13. Information regarding transfers by fund including the amount and purpose for each transfer;
14. Required supplementary information; and
15. Management's Discussion and Analysis.

It is important that you provide financial records that balance and documentation that is adequate to support the necessary journal entries. If we discover inadequacies in the records or documentation you provide, we will return the information to you for correction.

All documents provided to LGS in connection with our services including financial records and reports, payroll records, employee rosters, health and medical records, tax records, etc. must be redacted of any personal information before submission. Personal information is defined as social security numbers, dates of birth, drivers' license numbers or financial institution account numbers associated with an individual. The City shall redact all personal information from electronic records before they are transmitted to LGS. This information should be fully blacked out in all paper documents prior to sending them to LGS. If personal information cannot be redacted from any records or documents, the City must identify these records to LGS prior to their submission.

If redacting this personal information impairs the ability of LGS to provide the contracted services, the City and the Auditor of State's Office will consider these exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, if redacting this information creates hardship on the City in terms of resources, recordkeeping or other issues, the City and LGS may collaborate on alternative methods of providing the City's data to LGS without compromising the personal information on individuals served or employed by the City.

As part of the annual financial report, you will be required to prepare a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). LGS assistance with respect to the MD&A will be limited to reviewing the MD&A to determine that all required topics have been addressed and to insure that the amounts presented in the MD&A match the amounts presented in the financial statements.

During the course of the compilation, from financial records and supporting documentation you provide, LGS will propose journal entries for the preparation of the basic financial statements; review records and other information to determine whether data is being gathered at the required level to permit the preparation of the financial statements; enter usable information from the prior fiscal year trial balances to the trial balances that will be used for the fiscal year being reported; and input approved journal entries into the trial balances. LGS will also discuss with you the requirements for budgetary presentations and assist in the identification of original budgetary information.

LGS assistance with respect to capital assets will be limited to explaining the information necessary for report preparation. If additional assistance in the review of policies or significant guidance related to the calculation of capital assets is required, this engagement will need to be amended.

All work papers prepared by the Office of the Auditor of State will remain the property of the Auditor of State. Accordingly, we are responsible for their care and custody. At the conclusion of the project, we will provide copies of any of the work papers you would like to have for your records. However, the work papers should not be regarded as a part of, or a substitute for, your accounting records.

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If for any reason we are unable to complete the compilation of the City's financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

It is estimated that 210 hours will be needed to complete this project for 2022 and 210 hours will be needed to complete this project for 2023. Our fees for these services will be billed monthly to the City of Kirtland at a rate of \$60 per hour, and the total cost is not anticipated to exceed \$12,600 for each year of the contract. If additional time or services should be necessary, we will notify the City of Kirtland regarding any amendment to this contract that may be required.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 117.13, you may charge all of these fees to the general fund or you may allocate the cost among the general fund and other eligible funds. While eligible funds may include federal grant funds, additional restrictions under the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.425 should be considered. For more information, refer to the annual *Hourly Audit Rates and Allocation of Audit Costs* technical bulletin available at www.ohioauditor.gov.

Upon a 30 day written notice, either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason. Such notice shall be sent by U.S. mail or by personal delivery to Auditor of State, Local Government Services Section, 88 East Broad Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3506. In the event of such termination, the Auditor of State shall be compensated at the contractually agreed-upon rate for any and all work done to the date of such notice.

The Auditor of State's billing statements are available through the office's eServices portal located at <https://eservices.ohioauditor.gov>. Each client should complete the registration process to establish an eServices account. A confirmed account will have the ability to access and/or update information regarding their customer account, including entity contact information, billing and payments, and an electronic check option for online payments. Authorized users are encouraged to keep eServices contact information updated.

Auditor of State billing statements are prepared monthly, and are sent to clients who have an outstanding balance through a paperless electronic billing system. City of Kirtland will receive an email notification at the beginning of the month that a statement is available for review. Clients should access their billing statement upon receipt through eServices, and payment is due by the date identified on the statement.

A failure to pay the Auditor of State in full within forty-five days of the payment due date, may result in additional action as authorized under Ohio Revised Code Sections 131.02(A) and/or 117.13(D).

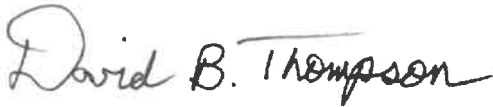
If you are in agreement with the terms of this contract, please have this engagement letter signed and certified in the appropriate places and return it to me no later than October 28, 2022. If we do not hear from you by October 28, 2022, we will assume that the City of Kirtland does not wish to contract for the services of the Local Government Services Section of the Office of the

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Auditor of State. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Nita Hendryx, Chief Project Manager, at 1.800.443.9271.

Sincerely,

KEITH FABER
Auditor of State



David B. Thompson
Chief of Local Government Services

We desire the Auditor of State's Office to perform the services described above and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this letter.

CITY OF KIRTLAND

Date: _____

Resolution No. _____

By: _____
Kevin Potter, Mayor

It is hereby certified that the amount of \$ _____ required to pay this contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the _____ Fund, free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: _____

Louis Slapnicker, Finance Director

cc: Nita Hendryx, Chief Project Manager
Allen Allred, Chief Auditor