

Mission

To provide independent, objective assurance, and consulting functions of City services to promote ethical, effective, and accountable government. We are committed to providing proactive, accurate, and fair services in a friendly, professional manner.

Program Description

The Audit Office strives to ensure that the City of Clearwater provides municipal services to all residents, businesses, and visitors in an honest, effective and accountable manner. Our responsibilities include performing systematic compliance, financial, and operational reviews of City business activities to add value and assist in improving departmental operations. Specifically, audits help insure the existence and enforcement of management established internal controls; compliance with policies, procedures, rules, guidelines, and laws; safeguarding of property; reliability and integrity of financial operational information; and, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

Audits are scheduled in an annual work plan based on potential risks to the organization, a department, or a division. Additionally, departments, senior management, or a member of the public provide insights and requests for audits.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY					
	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	% Change
Personnel	129,511	139,241	142,810	157,380	10%
Operating	2,163	2,332	1,920	1,500	-22%
Internal Services	15,878	16,431	18,140	16,640	-8%
Total City Audit	147,552	158,004	162,870	175,520	8%

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09
City Audit	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total City Audit	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Program Highlights

- ❖ The City Auditor's Office is supported by two full time equivalent positions, the same as the 2007/08 budget.
- ❖ Due to the transfer of a new employee into this department with a higher salary than the incumbent, personnel services reflect a 10% increase.
- ❖ Operating budget reductions of \$420, or 22%, represent the City Manager mandated reductions in training, memberships and subscriptions.
- ❖ Personnel costs represent 90% of this program's budget.
- ❖ There have been no other significant changes in the City Auditor's Office. The budget for this department reflects an increase of 8% over the 2007/08 budget.