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COUNTY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Purpose: To select compliance items to be tested and/or document testing.

Source: Workpapers as referenced.

Scope: Compliance items tested each year are based on risk assessment.

Conclusion: Compliance selections and/or testing is documented per Compliance Guide and workpapers.

	FY21	FY22	FY23
Incharge			
Manager			
Independent Reviewer			

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	FY21		FY22		FY23				
Compliance Area	Risk Factors**	Risk of Non-Compliance*	Risk Factors**	Risk of Non-Compliance*	Risk Factors**	Risk of Non-Compliance*			
Audit Planning									
General Ledger									
Cash									
Investments									
Capital Assets									
Current Liabilities									
Long-Term Debt									
Tax Increment Financing									
Receipts/Revenues									
Disbursements									
Payroll									
Transfers									
Budgets									
Insurance									
County Auditor									
County Recorder									
County Sheriff									
County Extension									
County Care Facility									
City/County Assessor									
** – Compliance Risk Factors: (Include the applicable risk factor number above.)									
1.	Personnel responsible for compliance are competent and experienced.		9.	New or amended compliance requirement.					
2.	Relatively simple compliance issues.		10.	New or poorly trained personnel.					
3.	No comments regarding non-compliance noted in the prior year.		11.	Complexity of compliance issues likely to result in non-compliance.					
4.			12.	Report comment regarding non-compliance noted in the prior year.					
5.			13.	Non-report comment regarding non-compliance noted in the prior year.					
6.			14.						
7.			15.						
8.			16.						
* – Risk of Non-Compliance:									
H	High								
M	Moderate								
L	Low								

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This compliance guide was developed to implement a risk-based approach to testing compliance requirements. In implementing a risk-based approach, compliance requirements will be selected to test based on the compliance risk assessment. To document the auditor's consideration of risk, a code compliance risk assessment form has been included in this guide.

Each compliance requirement in this guide has been placed into one of four categories. The categories are based on significance of the compliance requirements. The table below provides a description of each category.

Category	Description
Items which must be tested – required comments or public expectation of oversight.	
1	Test and document annually. (required statutory report comments)
2	Test on a rotating basis, at least every three years, based on risk assessment. Workpaper documentation required.
Inquiry with limited observation and documentation:	
3	Inquire about compliance only if considered necessary based on risk assessment. Document the County's response to inquiry and observation in remarks column. (If auditor becomes aware of non-compliance, it should be addressed).
Addendum:	
4	Items which are not considered to be significant – test if considered necessary based on risk assessment and specific audit situation (if auditor becomes aware of non-compliance in one of these areas, it should be addressed). If procedures are performed, include workpaper documentation, as necessary.

Procedures

- 1) Review prior year comments and enter "20" in the "Non-Compliance Noted/FY" column for each compliance requirement that had a comment.
- 2) Based on the risk of non-compliance set for each compliance area, indicate which procedures will be performed during the current year's audit with a tick mark in the "Selected" column. Keep in mind the audit approach to compliance may need to be revised based on information obtained during the course of the audit. If you are aware a compliance requirement does not apply, indicate "N/A" in the "Selected" column.
- 3) Perform compliance procedures as selected.
- 4) Enter "21" in the "Non-Compliance Noted/FY" column for each compliance requirement that had a comment.
- 5) Guide should be filed in the workpapers and utilized for multiple years.

2021 Revisions

- 1) Current year new or revised procedures have been noted as **(21)**.
- 2) The following procedures were deleted from the prior year guide:
 - Long-Term Debt – removed step 1b which was to determine if the County established interest rates on bonds sold.
- 3) General Ledger – clarified step 2 to state that the custody of all public moneys in the possession of the treasurer must be deposited per Chapter 12B.10 and Chapter 12.C

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- 4) General Ledger – moved the step for testing monthly account balances for deficits to the addendum.
- 5) Cash – added procedure to determine unclaimed property has been reported to State Treasurer annually before November 1st.
- 6) Cash and Investments section – moved step for determining the allowability of any sweep accounts from Cash section to Investment section.
- 7) Moved from Budget to TIF to determine the County Auditor prepared a reconciliation of TIF to ensure no overpayments of TIF will occur.
- 8) Receipts-Revenues – moved the restricted donor activity from receipts entity audit program to County Code Compliance section as a required annual test.
- 9) Disbursements – added step to determine if the County has incurred any expenditures to nonprofit organization and determine if they are appropriate.
- 10) Budgets – added steps for new public hearings required for adoption of budget.
- 11) Assessor – moved matters relating to compensation to the Addendum.
- 12) In addition to this updated County Compliance Guide, we have made available a 2021 County Compliance Guide Supplement which details changes made to the prior year County Compliance Guide. The Supplement may be used to update the prior year Compliance Guide in lieu of completing a new guide each year.