

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 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Budget 2005/06	Budget 2006/07	% Change
Personnel	102,006	122,190	127,940	137,270	7.3%
Operating	3,349	2,408	1,920	2,570	33.9%
Internal Services	16,118	15,235	16,100	16,660	3.5%
Total City Audit	121,473	139,833	145,960	156,500	7.2%

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	Actual 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Budget 2005/06	Budget 2006/07
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 (2) full time equivalent (FTE) positions, the same as the 2005/06 budget.
- ❖ Personnel costs represent 88% of this program's budget and increase over the previous year for general wage increases and a higher contribution to the City's pension fund.
- ❖ Operating costs increased \$650, or 33.9%, due to travel costs that were not in the 2005/06 budget.
- ❖ There have been no significant changes in the City Auditor's Office in the 2006/07 budget year. The budget for this office reflects an increase of 7.2% over the 2005/06 budget.