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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.14, County *
Internal Auditor and Amending Chapter 2.15, Audit * ORDINANCE NO. 2022-008
Committee of the Deschutes County Code. *

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners by Deschutes County Code, Chapter 2.14 and Chapter 2.15 codified the County Internal Auditor and Audit Committee roles with the County and the Audit Committee code specifically calls for the periodic review of Chapter 2.14; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee through a review of Chapters 2.14 and 2.15 developed and recommends the amendments attached in Exhibit A and Exhibit B to Chapter 2.14 and 2.15, respectively; now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENT. DCC 2.14 is amended to read as described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, with new language underlined and language to be deleted in ~~strikethrough~~.

Section 2. AMENDMENT. DCC 2.15 is amended to read as described in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, with new language underlined and language to be deleted in ~~strikethrough~~.

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Dated this 10 of August, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

Patti Adair
PATTI ADAIR, Chair

Anthony DeBone
ANTHONY DeBONE, Vice Chair

Phil Chang
PHIL CHANG, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Sharon Keith
Recording Secretary

Date of 1st Reading: 20 day of July, 2022

Date of 2nd Reading: 10 day of August, 2022

Record of Adoption Vote

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstained	Excused
Anthony DeBone	X			
Phil Chang	X			
Patti Adair	X			

Effective date: 8 day of November, 2022

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Chapter 2.14. COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR

- 2.14.001 Office of County Internal Audit.**
- 2.14.010. Appointment of County Internal Auditor.**
- 2.14.020. Qualifications of County Internal Auditor.**
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- a) Develops and implements policies and procedures for the Office of County Internal Audit in compliance with the government auditing standards.
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- d) Selects, appoints, directs, supervises, disciplines, and dismisses all Office of County Internal Audit staff consistent with County policies and procedures and for the efficient and effective administration of the affairs of the office.

This chapter establishes the general authority and responsibility of the Office of County Internal Audit. (Ord. 2022-___; Ord. 2018-007 §1, Ord 2022-008 §1)

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(Ord. 2005-014 §1, 2005)

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2.14.050. Funding.

The County shall provide sufficient funds to enable the Office of County Internal Audit to carry out the responsibilities specified herein subject to annual appropriation by the BOCC.

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within their custody regarding powers, duties, activities, organization, property, financial transactions, contracts and methods of business required to conduct an audit or otherwise perform audit duties. In addition, they shall provide access for the Office of County Internal Audit to inspect all property, equipment and facilities within their custody. A discussion of appropriate access should occur with County Counsel if access to documents is restricted by applicable law.

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 4. Subject to public records laws, the Office of County Internal Audit shall not publicly disclose any information received during an audit that is considered confidential by any local, state or federal law or regulation. The Office of County Internal Audit shall maintain the confidential status of information and records furnished by County officers and employees to the extent allowable under public records laws.
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2.14.80. Contract auditors, consultants and Experts.

1. Within budget limitations and approval by the County Administrator, the Office of County Internal Audit may obtain the services of Certified Public Accountants, qualified management consultants, or other professional experts necessary to perform auditor duties. An audit that is performed by contract must be conducted by persons who are independent of the governmental unit and its officers. The Office

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- of County Internal Audit will coordinate and monitor auditing performed by public accounting, professional experts, or other organizations employed under contract by Deschutes County.
2. The Office of County Internal Audit may participate with the Audit Committee in the selection of qualified finalists for the provider of Deschutes County's annual financial audit. The Audit Committee shall select a provider from the finalists. This selection shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The process will follow Deschutes County's contracting processes.

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2.14.090. Quality Assurance Reviews.

1. The audit activities of the Office of County Internal Audit shall be subject to quality review in accordance with applicable government auditing standards by a professional, non-partisan objective group (such as the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA)). A copy of the written report of this independent review shall be furnished to the Audit Committee and the Board of County Commissioners. This report shall be available to the public.
2. The quality control review shall determine compliance with government auditing standards and the quality of the audit effort and reporting, including:
 - a. general standards such as competence, professional judgment, and quality assurance;
 - b. fieldwork standards such as planning, supervision, and evidence; and
 - c. reporting standards such as report content, timeliness and distribution.
3. The County shall reimburse the costs of the quality control review team from funds budgeted in the Office of County Internal Audit's budget. Within available time constraints, members of the Office of County Internal Audit may reciprocate with other organizations by participation in quality control teams.

(Ord. 2011-004 §1, 2011; Ord. 2005-014 §1, 2005, Ord 2022-008 §1)

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Chapter 2.15. COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE

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2.15.001 Purpose.

The Board of County Commissioners have formed the Audit Committee to advise the Board on fulfilling its responsibilities for financial reporting, internal controls, and compliance with laws, regulations, and ethics within the County. The Audit Committee provides oversight to auditing (external and internal) for the County.

The audit committee receives and reviews County information on:

- financial condition;
- the accuracy of financial record keeping;
- compliance with applicable laws, policies, guidelines, and procedures; and
- efficiency and effectiveness of operations.

The Audit Committee strengthens the independence of auditing by serving as a transparent third-party review body.

(Ord. 2018-007 §2)

2.15.010. Authority.

- A. The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby establishes the Audit Committee as an advisory committee. The committee shall advise the Board and County Administrator on significant audit matters including, but not limited to:
1. The selection, compensation, and removal of external auditors hired to audit the financial statements for the County and its related entities;
 2. Consultation with the County Administrator or Board regarding the appointment or dismissal of the County Internal Auditor should include a consultation with a majority of the public members of the audit committee;
 3. Increases and decreases to the requested budget for the internal audit program; and
 4. The work plan for internal audits performed under DCC 2.14.040.

(Ord. 2013-004 §1, 2013; Ord. 2008-002 §1, 2008)

2.15.020. Composition.

- A. The audit committee shall be comprised of not less than seven or more than nine members appointed by the Board.
- B. Each member shall be appointed to serve a term of two years. Upon initial formation of the committee, the Board may appoint any member to a shorter term. A member may be appointed to more than one term. The Board may remove a member of the committee at any time. In the event of a vacancy on the committee the Board shall, as soon as practicable, appoint a person to serve the unexpired portion of the former member's term.
- C. The committee shall consist of one (1) member county commissioner, two (2) county department head members, and four (4) to six (6) public members. The County Administrator shall be an *ex-officio* nonvoting member.
- D. A public member shall be a registered voter within Deschutes County. The chair of the committee shall be a public member and shall be selected by a majority of the public members. The chair shall serve a one-year term and may be selected for additional terms. If the public members cannot decide upon a chair, the larger committee shall decide. The chair shall preside over meetings, as well as provide input on topics for the agenda.

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2.15.030 Meetings

- A. The audit committee shall meet as the committee deems necessary. A quorum shall constitute a majority of the members appointed. Vacant positions shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum exists. Minutes shall be prepared in accordance with the Oregon Public Meeting Law. The committee may require certain County management attend meetings to address reports being discussed. Auditee departments will be invited to meetings where their internal audit report is discussed.
- B. A department head audit committee member shall not vote on an issue relating to an audit directly pertaining to his or her department. If there is any question as to whether audit committee members should recuse themselves from a vote, the committee should vote to determine whether the member should recuse himself or herself.
- C. The County Internal Auditor shall facilitate and coordinate such meetings, as well as provide ancillary support to the committee, as time permits.

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- A. Overseeing the independent audit of the County's financial statements, including:
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 - 2. Meeting with the external auditors during planning of the audit, presentation of the audited financial statements, and discussion of the letter to management on recommendations; and
 - 3. Overseeing the resolution of audit findings in, areas such as internal control, legal and regulatory compliance, and ethics.
- B. The committee shall work to assure coordination between the internal and external auditors, management, the County Administrator and Board.
- C. The audit committee shall ensure the Office of County internal audit performs its function. The committee shall:
 - 1. Review the internal audit ordinance (DCC 2.14) at least every other year;
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 - 3. Review the budget and staffing levels of the Office of County Internal Audit (DCC 2.14.050);
 - 4. Review internal audit reports and other communications developed for the County;
 - 5. Review and provide input on Office of County Internal Audit goals; and
 - 6. Review any quality assurance reviews created pursuant to DCC 2.14.090.
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2.14.80. Contract auditors, consultants and Experts.

1. Within budget limitations and approval by the County Administrator, the Office of County Internal Auditor may obtain the services of Certified Public Accountants, qualified management consultants, or other professional experts necessary to perform auditor duties. An audit that is performed by contract must be conducted by persons who are independent of the governmental unit and its officers. The Office of County Internal Auditor will coordinate and monitor auditing performed by public accounting, professional experts, or other organizations employed under contract by Deschutes County.
2. The Office of County Internal Auditor may participate with the Audit Committee in the selection of qualified finalists for the provider of Deschutes County's annual financial audit. The Audit Committee shall select a provider from the finalists. This selection shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The process will follow Deschutes County's contracting processes.

(Ord. 2011-004 §1, 2011; Ord. 2005-014 §1, 2005, Ord 2022-008 §1)

2.14.090. Quality Assurance Reviews.

1. The audit activities of the Office of County Internal Auditor's office shall be subject to quality review in accordance with applicable government auditing standards by a professional, non-partisan objective group (such as the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA)). A copy of the written report of this independent review shall be furnished to the Audit Committee and the Board of County Commissioners. This report shall be available to the public.
2. The quality control review shall determine compliance with government auditing standards and the quality of the audit effort and reporting, including:
 - a. general standards such as competence, professional judgment, and quality assurance;
 - b. fieldwork standards such as planning, supervision, and evidence; and
 - c. reporting standards such as report content, timeliness and distribution.
3. The County shall reimburse the costs of the quality control review team from funds budgeted in the Office of County Internal Auditor's budget. Within available time constraints, members of the Office of County Internal Auditor may reciprocate with other organizations by participation in quality control teams.

(Ord. 2011-004 §1, 2011; Ord. 2005-014 §1, 2005, Ord 2022-008 §1)

2.14.100. Repealed

(Ord. 2013-004 §1, 2013; Ord. 2011-004 §1, 2011; Ord. 2005-014 §1, 2005; Ord 2018-007)

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Chapter 2.15. COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE

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2.15.001 Purpose.

The Board of County Commissioners have formed the Audit Committee to advise the Board on fulfilling its responsibilities for financial reporting, internal controls, and compliance with laws, regulations, and ethics within the County. The Audit Committee provides oversight to auditing (external and internal) for the County.

The audit committee receives and reviews County information on:

- financial condition;
- the accuracy of financial record keeping;
- compliance with applicable laws, policies, guidelines, and procedures; and
- efficiency and effectiveness of operations.

The Audit Committee strengthens the independence of auditing by serving as a transparent third-party review body.

(Ord. 2018-007 §2)

2.15.010. Authority.

A. The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) hereby establishes the Audit Committee as an advisory committee. The committee shall advise the Board and County Administrator on significant audit matters including, but not limited to:

1. The selection, compensation, and removal of external auditors hired to audit the financial statements for the County and its related entities;
2. Consultation with the County Administrator or Board regarding the appointment or dismissal of the County Internal Auditor should include a consultation with a majority of the public members of the audit committee;
3. Increases and decreases to the requested budget for the internal audit program; and
4. The work plan for internal audits performed under DCC 2.14.040.

(Ord. 2013-004 §1, 2013; Ord. 2008-002 §1, 2008)

2.15.020. Composition.

- A. The audit committee shall be comprised of not less than seven or more than nine members appointed by the Board.
- B. Each member shall be appointed to serve a term of two years. Upon initial formation of the committee, the Board may appoint any member to a shorter term. A member may be appointed to more than one term. The Board may remove a member of the committee at any time. In the event of a vacancy on the committee the Board shall, as soon as practicable, appoint a person to serve the unexpired portion of the former member's term.
- C. The committee shall consist of one (1) member county commissioner, two (2) county department head members, and four (4) to six (6) public members. The County Administrator shall be an *ex-officio* nonvoting member.
- D. A public member shall be a registered voter within Deschutes County. The chair of the committee shall be a public member and shall be selected by a majority of the public members. The chair shall serve a one-year term and may be selected for additional terms. If the public members cannot decide upon a chair, the larger committee shall decide. The chair shall preside over meetings, as well as provide input on topics for the agenda.

(Ord. 2009-011 §1, 2009; Ord. 2008-002 §1, 2008)

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2.15.030 Meetings

- A. The audit committee shall meet as the committee deems necessary. A quorum shall constitute a majority of the members appointed. Vacant positions shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum exists. Minutes shall be prepared in accordance with the Oregon Public Meeting Law. The committee may require certain County management attend meetings to address reports being discussed. Auditee departments will be invited to meetings where their internal audit report is discussed.
- B. A department head audit committee member shall not vote on an issue relating to an audit directly pertaining to his or her department. If there is any question as to whether audit committee members should recuse themselves from a vote, the committee should vote to determine whether the member should recuse himself or herself.
- C. The County Internal Auditor shall facilitate and coordinate such meetings, as well as provide ancillary support to the committee, as time permits.

(Ord. 2009-011 §1, 2009; Ord. 2008-002 §1, 2008)

2.15.040. Responsibilities. Responsibilities of the Audit Committee include:

- A. Overseeing the independent audit of the County's financial statements, including:
 - 1. Overseeing the selection, renewal or removal of the independent external auditor by making a recommendation to the Board for final approval;
 - 2. Meeting with the external auditors during planning of the audit, presentation of the audited financial statements, and discussion of the letter to management on recommendations; and
 - 3. Overseeing the resolution of audit findings in, areas such as internal control, legal and regulatory compliance, and ethics.
- B. The committee shall work to assure coordination between the internal and external auditors, management, the County Administrator and Board.
- C. The audit committee shall ensure the Office of County internal audit-~~program~~ performs its function. The committee shall:
 - 1. Review the internal audit ordinance (DCC 2.14) at least every other year;
 - 2. Review proposed internal audit work plans and make recommendations concerning internal audit projects;
 - 3. Review the budget and staffing levels of the Office of County Internal Audit~~internal audit program~~ (DCC 2.14.050);
 - 4. Review internal audit reports and other communications developed for the County;
 - 5. Review and provide input on Office of County Internal Audit ~~internal audit program~~ goals; and
 - 6. Review any quality assurance reviews created pursuant to DCC 2.14.090.
 - 7. Discuss and provide input on the County Internal Auditor's performance review each year.
- D. The committee shall make appropriate recommendations concerning the Office of County Internal Audit~~internal audit program~~ based upon the reviews that it conducts pursuant to subsection C of this section.
- E. The committee shall make an annual report to the Board summarizing the committee's activities and recommendations. The report may be delivered at an audit committee meeting attended by the Board or may be scheduled for a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
- F. The committee shall perform other activities related to this chapter as requested by the Board.

(Ord. 2013-004 §1, 2013; Ord. 2011-004 §1, 2011; Ord. 2008-002 §1, 2008, Ord. 2022-008 §2)