

Careers in City Government

City Auditor

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Population: 1,358

What are your duties and responsibilities as Auditor of your city?

The Auditor is a liason to the City Council advising them regarding the financial status of the City. The Auditor is also responsible for the day to day financial operations of the City. This would include receiving claims, billing for services, bond administration, payroll administration and many more.

What type of education and/or training is required for your position?

The ND Century Code requires Auditor's to complete a certification course. Personally, I recommend a college degree for the position; however, there is no such requirement within Century Code. An Auditor needs to have a good working knowledge of Accounting and Financial reporting.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your position?

The most rewarding aspect of the position in my opinion is knowing that I am serving my community and protecting the future for our youth. This is accomplished by balancing what the city needs with what the city has available to spend. Then advising the Council on the prioritization of spending over time.

What advice would you give someone that is interested in working in city government?

If you are interested in a career in city government I suggest getting involved. Whether it is attending City Council meetings, Park meetings, or another type of city meeting. By becoming involved your voice can be heard and you may have an idea that would improve the quality of life in your community. But without input from the youth and residents of a community the

The BEST government is LOCAL government!