

CITY OF AUSTIN AUDIT PLAN



New Audits | 2026

	Audit Topic	Objective(s)
1	Budget Line-Item Spending	Is excessive line-item spending flagged, reviewed, and approved, especially near the end of the fiscal year?
2	EMS Revenue Collection	Does the EMS billing process ensure that charges for service are complete, timely, and accurate?
3	Credit Card Usage	Does the City's management of credit cards follow policy and best practices?
4	Affordable Housing: Eligibility	Does the City ensure affordable housing assistance is provided only to the people who need it?
5	Austin Fire/EMS: Alternate Response Options	Has the City considered alternate response options for less severe medical calls and have similar options worked in other cities to reduce unnecessary transports and reallocate resources?
6	Public Safety: Civilian Staffing	What efforts has the City taken to assign tasks to civilian staff to create efficiencies and allow sworn employees to focus on critical priorities?
7	Austin Police: Field Training	Is police field training consistent across the department and does it align with general orders as taught in the police academy?
8	Critical Infrastructure IT Controls	Are critical City systems adequately protected from harm?
9	Privileged Access Management	Is privileged access to critical City systems properly authorized and compliant with policy requirements?
10	Wireless Network	Is the City's wireless network security effective to adequately protect City resources and prevent unauthorized access?

Alternate Audits | Can be started in 2026, as needed

A1	Drone Usage	Does the City's drone use create efficiencies, improve operations, and comply with safety and privacy standards?
A2	Living Wage	Are City departments monitoring contracts to ensure compliance with living wage requirements?
A3	Police Oversight	Is the Office of Police Oversight effectively providing impartial oversight of police conduct to enhance accountability and transparency for the community?
A4	Zero Waste Progress	Has the City made progress to achieve adopted zero waste plan goals and are efforts aligned with successful peer city programs?

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Carryover Audits | Started in 2025 to be completed in 2026

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C1	Flood Preparation	Is the City planning for flood-related risks?
C2	Speed Reduction	Are the City's speed reduction efforts working effectively?
C3	Consultant Spending	Is the City managing consultant contracts in an efficient and economical manner?
C4	Public Safety Mental Health, Parts 1 & 2	Is the City supporting the mental health of sworn public safety employees?
C5	Pedestrian Safety	Is the City effectively promoting pedestrian safety?
C6	Nonprofit Performance Management	Is the City writing and managing nonprofit contracts effectively and efficiently?

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