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*City of Liberty Municipal Court*

Liberty, South Carolina

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon  
Procedures for the year ended June 30, 2017



June 29, 2018

The Honorable Brian Petersen, Mayor  
City of Liberty  
Liberty, South Carolina

This report resulting from the application of agreed-upon procedures to the accounting records of the City of Liberty Municipal Court System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, was issued by Brown CPA, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, under contract with the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Kennedy, III, CPA  
State Auditor

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## Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Office of State Auditor and the City of Liberty Municipal Court, on the systems, processes, and behaviors related to court fines and fees of the City of Liberty Municipal Court for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the areas addressed. The City of Liberty and the City of Liberty Municipal Court (the "Municipality") are responsible for the systems, processes, and behaviors related to court fines and fees. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and the City of Liberty and the City of Liberty Municipal Court. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

### 1. **Clerk of Court**

- We gained an understanding of the policies and procedures established by the Clerk of Court to determine timely reporting by the Clerk of Court's Office.
- We obtained the court dockets or equivalents from the Clerk of Court. We randomly selected twenty-five cases from the court dockets and recalculated the fine, fee, assessment and surcharge calculation to confirm that the fine, fee, assessment and surcharge were properly allocated in accordance with applicable State law and the South Carolina Court administration fee memoranda.
- We randomly selected twenty-five court receipt transactions to confirm that the fee, fine, assessment and surcharge adhered to State law and the South Carolina Court administration fee memoranda and that the receipts were allocated in accordance with applicable State law.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## 2. **Municipal Treasurer**

- We gained an understanding of the policies and procedures established by the Municipal treasurer to determine timely reporting by the Municipality.
- We inspected all monthly court remittance forms or equivalents to confirm that the forms were completed in accordance with instructions and submitted timely in accordance with State law.
- We agreed the amounts reported on the monthly remittance forms or equivalents to the Municipality's support.
- We inspected the Municipality's support to confirm that the Municipality properly classified fine, fee, assessment, and surcharge receipts.
- We inspected all State Treasurer's Revenue Remittance Forms ("STRRF") for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and agreed the amounts reported on the State Treasurer's Revenue Remittance Forms to the court remittance forms or equivalents.
- We agreed amounts reported by the Municipality on its supplemental schedule of fines and assessments, as reported in the annual financial statement audit, to the Municipality's general ledger.
- We inspected the Municipality's supplementary schedule of fines and assessments, as reported in the annual financial statement audit, to confirm that it contained all the elements required by State law.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## 3. **Victim Assistance**

- We gained an understanding of the policies and procedures established by the Municipality to confirm proper accounting for victim assistance funds.
- We made inquiries and confirmed that any funds retained by the Municipality for victim assistance were deposited into a separate account.
- We selected twenty-five expenditures to confirm that the Municipality expended victim assistance funds in accordance with State law and South Carolina Court administration fee memoranda.
- We inspected the Municipality's victim assistance financial activity on the supplemental schedule of fines and assessments, as reported in the annual financial statement audit, and confirmed that it was in compliance with applicable State law.
- We agreed the amounts reported by the Municipality on its supplemental schedule of fines and assessments, as reported in the annual financial statement audit, applicable to Victim Assistance Fund, to the Municipality's general ledger or subsidiary ledgers.
- We inspected the Municipality's victim assistance account to confirm the Victim Assistance fund balance was retained as of July 1 from the previous fiscal year in accordance with State law.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

#### 4. Calculation of Over/(Under) Reported Amounts

- We inspected copies of monthly State Treasurer Revenue Remittance Forms for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2017, which the Municipality prepared and submitted to the South Carolina Office of the State Treasurer. We calculated the amount over/(under) reported by the Municipality by category.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

#### 5. Status of Prior Findings

- We inquired with management of the Municipality about the status of finding(s) reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the State Auditor's Report on the Municipality resulting from an engagement for the period ended June 30, 2011, to confirm that the Municipality had taken adequate corrective action.

We determined that the City of Liberty has taken adequate corrective action on previously reported findings.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or a review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes, and behaviors related to court fines and fees of the Court. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor, Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Judiciary Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee, members of City of Liberty Council, City of Liberty Clerk of Court, City of Liberty Finance Director, State Treasurer, State Office of Victim Assistance, the Chief Justice, and the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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June 29, 2018