

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 39

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

Section 39. CITY AUDITOR AND COMPTROLLER. The City Auditor and Comptroller shall be elected by the Council for an indefinite term and shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. The City Auditor and Comptroller shall be the chief fiscal officer of the City. He shall exercise supervision over all accounts, and accounts shall be kept showing the financial transactions of all Departments of the City upon forms prescribed by him and approved by the City Manager and the Council. He shall submit to the City Manager and to the Council not later than the tenth day of each month a summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding month, detailed as to appropriations and funds in such manner as to show the exact financial condition of the City and of each Department, Division and office thereof. No contract, agreement, or other obligation for the expenditure of public funds shall be entered into by any officer of the City and no such contract shall be valid unless the Auditor and Comptroller shall certify in writing that there has been made an appropriation to cover the expenditure and that there remains a sufficient balance to meet the demand thereof. He shall perform the duties imposed upon City Auditors and Comptrollers by the laws of the State of California, and such other duties as may be imposed upon him by ordinances of the Council, but nothing shall prevent the Council from transferring to other officers matters in charge of the City Auditor and Comptroller which do not relate directly to the finances of the City. He shall prepare and submit to the City Manager such information as shall be required by the City Manager for the preparation of an annual budget. He shall appoint his subordinates subject to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter.

2. Amendment voted 06/04/1974; effective 08/13/1974

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Manager and to the Council at least monthly a summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding accounting period, detailed as to appropriations and funds in such manner as to show the exact financial condition of the City and of each Department, Division and office thereof. No contract, agreement, or other obligation for the expenditure of public funds shall be entered into by any officer of the City and no such contract shall be valid unless the Auditor and Comptroller shall certify in writing that there has been made an appropriation to cover the expenditure and that there remains a sufficient balance to meet the demand thereof. He shall perform the duties imposed upon City Auditors and Comptrollers by the laws of the State of California, and such other duties as may be imposed upon him by ordinances of the Council, but nothing shall prevent the Council from transferring to other officers matters in charge of the City Auditor and Comptroller which do not relate directly to the finances of the City. He shall prepare and submit to the City Manager such information as shall be required by the City Manager for the preparation of an annual budget. He shall appoint his subordinates subject to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter.

3. Amendment voted 06-03-2008; effective 07-08-2008

Section 39: Chief Financial Officer.

The Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for an indefinite term and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The Chief Financial Officer shall be the chief fiscal officer of the City. He or she shall exercise supervision over all accounts, and accounts shall be kept showing the financial transactions of all Departments of the City upon forms prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer and approved by the City Manager and the Council. Subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the preparation of the City's annual budget. He or she shall also be responsible for oversight of the City's financial management, treasury, risk management and debt management functions. He or she shall submit to the City Manager and to the Council at least monthly a summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding accounting period, detailed as to appropriations and funds in such manner as to show the exact financial condition of the City and of each Department, Division and office thereof. No contract, agreement, or other obligation for the expenditure of public funds shall be entered into by any officer of the City and no such contract shall be valid unless the Chief Financial Officer shall certify in writing that there has been made an appropriation to cover the expenditure and that there remains a sufficient balance to meet the demand thereof. He or she shall perform the duties imposed upon chief municipal fiscal officers by the laws of the State of California, and such other duties as may be imposed upon him or her by ordinances of the Council, but nothing shall prevent the City Manager from transferring to other officers matters in charge of the Chief Financial Officer which do not relate directly to the finances of the City. The

Chief Financial Officer shall prepare and submit to the City Manager such information as shall be required by the City Manager for the preparation of an annual budget. The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint his or her subordinates subject to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter. The authority, power and responsibilities conferred upon the Auditor and Comptroller by this Charter shall be transferred to, assumed, and carried out by the Chief Financial Officer.

(Section 39 was modified by contrary language in Charter sections 265(b)(10) and 265(b)(11) during the operative period of Charter Article XV.)

4. Amendment voted 06-07-2016; effective 07-18-2016

See current Charter.