

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

**A COMPONENT UNIT OF
THE CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable William T. Kleinpeter
City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana, a component unit of the City of Port Allen, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City Court of Port Allen's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana as December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of City Court of Port Allen and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City Court of Port Allen's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Port Allen's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.



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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City Court of Port Allen’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 9, budgetary comparison information, the schedule of employer’s proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the schedule of employer’s pension contributions on Schedules 1 through 3, respectively, presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City Court of Port Allen’s basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented to comply with the Act 706 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session and the accompanying justice system funding schedule-collective/disbursing entity is presented to comply with Act 87 of the 2020 Louisiana Legislative Session are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of compensation, benefits, and other payments



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to agency head and schedules of justice system funding schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 4, 2025, on our consideration of the City Court of Port Allen’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Port Allen’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City Court of Port Allen’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

June 4, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of the City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana (Court) provides an overview of the Court's activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the Court's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2024 fiscal year include the following:

- The Court's net position increased due to current period operations by \$121,748 or 32.6%.
- Program revenues of the Court increased \$162,031, or 40.8%.
- The total expenditures/expenses of the Court increased \$33,159, or 7.7%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Court's basic financial statements. The Court's basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. These components are described below:

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Court – the *Government-wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements*. These financial statements also include the *Notes to Financial Statements* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detail.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Court's operations in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Court's financial position, which assists users in assessing the Court's economic condition at the end of the year. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting similar to methods used by most businesses. These statements report all revenues and expenditures connected with the year even if cash has not been received or paid. The Court's financial statements contain only governmental activities. The government-wide financial statements include two statements.

- The **Statement of Net Position** presents all of the Court's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position". Over time, increases or decreases in the Court's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Court is improving or deteriorating.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
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- The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Court's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Court, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the Court are divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

- **Governmental Funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources at the end of the year. This approach is known as using the flow of financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Court's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Court.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statement. By doing so, users may better understand the long-term impact of the Court's near-term financing decisions.

- **Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Court's other programs. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Court are custodial funds. The custodial funds account for assets held by the Court as an agent for litigants pending court action. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the custodial funds have no measurement focus, but use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The Court has one governmental fund and two fiduciary funds.

The funds financial statements can be found immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes to financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to financial statements can be found immediately following the fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Court’s financial position.

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Assets	\$ 583,362	\$ 472,032
Deferred outflows of resources	10,764	10,386
Liabilities	88,966	102,186
Deferred inflows of resources	10,046	6,866
Total Net Position	\$ 495,114	\$ 373,366

Change in Net Position

The Court’s net position increased by \$121,748 (32.6%) during the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to an decrease of \$14,750 (3.8%) during the prior year. The Court’s total revenues derived from program revenue during the current year increased by \$162,031 (40.8%). Expenses increased \$33,159 (7.7%).

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
General government	\$ 558,943	\$ 396,912
General Revenues:		
Investment Income	23,337	18,188
Total Revenues	582,280	415,100
Total Expenses	466,576	433,417
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues		
Over Expenditures	115,704	(18,317)
Transfers		
Transfers	6,044	3,567
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 121,748	\$ (14,750)

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COURT’S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Court uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The focus of the Court’s governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of resources that are available for spending. Such information is useful in assessing the Court’s financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government’s net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As a measure of the Court’s liquidity, it may be useful to compare fund balance to total expenditures. Fund balance represents 119% of total fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the Court increased by \$115,363 during the current year.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Court received \$38,184 more than budgeted revenues, with the increase mainly contributable due to an increase in court fees, fines and costs generated for the 2024 year. Total expenditure was \$24,635 less than budgeted due to a decrease in office expense and maintenance and personnel expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Court’s investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2024 amounts to \$11,829 (net of accumulated depreciation of \$190,925). This investment in capital assets includes leasehold improvements and office furniture and equipment. The total decrease in the Court’s investment in capital assets for 2023 was \$3,075 (20.6%).

COURT'S CAPITAL ASSETS
(net of accumulated depreciation)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Equipment	\$ 6,981	\$ 9,725
Furniture & fixtures	1,392	1,471
Leasehold improvements	<u>3,456</u>	<u>3,708</u>
Total investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 11,829</u>	<u>\$ 14,904</u>

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET

Management is unable to predict revenue as it is dependent on the level of tickets issued and the civil proceedings filed with the Court. Therefore, the budget for the year ending December 31, 2024, is set based on the actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year.

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
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CONTACTING THE COURT’S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Court’s finances and to demonstrate the Court’s accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to William Kleinpeter, Judge, City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana at 330 S. Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 472,571
Investments	50,068
Prepaid expenses	2,517
Due from other funds	44,982
Due from other governments	<u>1,395</u>
Total current assets	<u>571,533</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets, net	<u>11,829</u>
Total assets	<u>583,362</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	<u>10,764</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accrued expenses	7,519
Unearned revenues	<u>200</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>7,719</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Net pension liability	<u>81,247</u>
Total liabilities	<u>88,966</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	<u>10,046</u>
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Investment in capital assets	11,829
Unrestricted	<u>483,285</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 495,114</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Functions/programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u> <u>Charges for Services, Fines, and Forfeitures</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u> <u>Net Revenues and Changes in Net Position</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
General government-Judiciary	\$ 466,576	\$ 558,943	\$ 92,367
General revenues and transfers:			
Investment income			23,337
Transfers to (from) other funds			6,044
Total general revenues and transfers			29,381
Change in net position			121,748
Net position - beginning			373,366
Net position - ending			\$ 495,114

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 472,571
Investments	50,068
Prepaid expenses	2,517
Due from other funds	44,982
Due from other governments	<u>1,395</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 571,533</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES:

Accrued expenses	\$ 7,519
Deferred revenues	<u>200</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>7,719</u>

FUND BALANCE:

Nonspendable	2,517
Unassigned	<u>561,297</u>
 Total fund balances	 <u>563,814</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balance	 <u><u>\$ 571,533</u></u>

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2024	\$ 563,814
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund. Those assets consist of :	
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$190,925	11,829
Liability for net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds	(81,247)
Deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds	(10,046)
Deferred outflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds	<u>10,764</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 495,114</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REVENUES:

Court fees	\$ 274,668
Intergovernmental	270,988
Other fees	13,287
Investment income	<u>23,337</u>
Total revenues	<u>582,280</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Current	
General and administration	66,603
Travel	17,758
Dues and subscriptions	1,515
Office expense and maintenance	18,286
Personnel expenses	<u>368,799</u>
Total current expenditures	<u>472,961</u>
Capital outlays	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>472,961</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	109,319
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):

Transfers in	<u>6,044</u>
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Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>115,363</u>
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FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	<u>448,451</u>
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FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u><u>\$ 563,814</u></u>
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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	\$ 115,363
The change in net position reported for the governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Depreciation expense	(3,075)
Pension expenses are reported in the statement of activities and do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Pension expenses	<u>9,460</u>
Total net change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 121,748</u>

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds		Total
	Traffic	Civil	
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash	\$ 151,079	\$ 28,703	\$ 179,782
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Due to other funds	36,840	8,142	44,982
Due to other governments	99,744	1,784	101,528
Total liabilities	136,584	9,926	146,510
<u>NET POSITION:</u>			
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	\$ 14,495	\$ 18,777	\$ 33,272

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Civil</u>	
<u>ADDITIONS:</u>			
Deposits	\$ 1,275,211	\$ 66,050	\$ 1,341,261
Interest income	<u>4,537</u>	<u>1,507</u>	<u>6,044</u>
Total additions	<u>1,279,748</u>	<u>67,557</u>	<u>1,347,305</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>			
Intergovernmental	996,324	4,138	1,000,462
Refunds of deposits	6,998	7,639	14,637
Personnel services	-	53,232	53,232
General and administration	-	210	210
Postage	-	869	869
Transfer to general fund	<u>277,301</u>	<u>1,507</u>	<u>278,808</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,280,623</u>	<u>67,595</u>	<u>1,348,218</u>
Change in net position	(875)	(38)	(913)
Net position - beginning	<u>15,370</u>	<u>18,815</u>	<u>34,185</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 14,495</u>	<u>\$ 18,777</u>	<u>\$ 33,272</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Codification Sec. 2600, *Reporting Entity and Component Unit Presentation and Disclosure*.

Reporting Entity

The Court Judge is an independently elected official. However, the Court is fiscally dependent on the City of Port Allen, Louisiana (City) for office space, courtrooms, and related utility costs, as well as partial funding of salary costs. Because the Court is fiscally dependent on the City, the Court was determined to be a component unit of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court and do not present information on the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Fund Accounting

The Court uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain court functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Financial Statements

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There were no restricted net assets at December 31, 2024.
- c. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows.

The Court adopted the provisions of GASB Codification Sec. 1300, *Fund Accounting* in the year ended December 31, 2011. As such, fund balances of the governmental fund are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – amount that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Judge. The Judge, as the highest level of decision-making authority, can establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment. For assigned fund balance the Judge authorizes management to assign amounts for a specific purpose.

Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

It is the Court's policy to spend unrestricted fund balances first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available. It is the Court's policy to spend committed or assigned fund balances first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The Court does not have any policy regarding minimum fund balance amounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Court's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the governmental fund according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Court. The following is the Court's governmental fund:

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

General Fund

The general fund is the primary operating fund of the Court and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The general fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to court policy.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds' reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Court are custodial funds. The Court maintains two custodial funds: the Civil Fund and the Traffic Fund.

Civil Fund

The Civil Fund accounts for advance deposits on civil suits filed by litigants. The advances are refundable to the litigants after all costs have been paid.

Traffic Fund

The Traffic Fund accounts for the collection of fines and court costs and the payment of these collections to recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

These funds are custodial in nature, have an economic resources measurement focus, and use the accrual basis of accounting. In addition, the custodial funds are not available to support the Court's operations.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Court's office as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Court's office. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Codification Sec. N50, *Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services and other governments; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Court's office general revenues.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Fund Statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Court's office operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Fund Statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues Revenues are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related asset becomes both measurable and available.

Expenditures Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Reconciliation A reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position is provided on page 16. A reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities is provided on page 18.

Budgets

The proposed budget for the fiscal year was made available for public inspection at the Court's office on December 19, 2023. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Court Judge. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments, if applicable.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on a basis that is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, the Court does not budget on-behalf payments (see Note 8) and the Court budgets for installment payment of software as an office expense transaction; therefore, adjustments were made on Schedule I to remove on-behalf payments from the actual amounts for comparison purposes to the budgeted amounts.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Cash equivalents would include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and include Louisiana Asset Management Pool which is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1321. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are reported at market value. Interest is accrued as earned.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost. The Court maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Leasehold improvements	27.5 - 39
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 27.5
Equipment	5

Risk Management

The Court is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Court is covered by insurance provided by the City of Port Allen, Louisiana at levels which management believes is adequate to protect the Court. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Pensions

For purposes of measuring Net Pension Liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) and additions to/deductions from LASERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LASERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Interfund Activities

The fiduciary funds of the Court collect and disburse funds on behalf of the general fund resulting from fees, charges, and other court costs incurred. In those cases where the physical transfer of assets has not taken place as of year-end, or where repayment is expected, these amounts are accounted for through the various due to and due from accounts.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 4, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

(2) DEPOSITS

At December 31, 2024, the City Court of Port Allen has cash in demand deposit accounts with a book balance of \$652,353 including \$179,782 attributable to fiduciary funds, which is not presented in the statement of net position.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2024, the Court has \$654,178 in deposits (collective bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$404,178 of pledged securities.

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(3) INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2024, the change in the Court’s investments is reported as follows:

	Change in Investments	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 46,981	\$ 46,981
Add:		
Investment purchases	3,087	3,087
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 50,068	\$ 50,068

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to an extent practical, invest in a manner consistent with GASB 79. The following facts are relevant for investments pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants’ investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity’s investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP’s total investments is 68 days as of December 31, 2024.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

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(3) INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The LAMP administrative office can be reached at 800-249-5267 for any questions.

(4) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Summary of balances due from (to) other funds reported in the financial statements:

	2024
General Fund	
Due from Fines, Fees, and Court Costs Fund	\$ 36,840
Due from Civil Fund	8,142
Fines, Fees, and Court Costs Fund	
Due to General Fund	(36,840)
Civil Fund	
Due to General Fund	(8,142)

(5) CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Governmental Activities				
Equipment	\$ 171,283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,283
Furniture and fixtures	23,477	-	-	23,477
Leasehold improvements	<u>7,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,994</u>
Total	<u>202,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,754</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Equipment	161,559	2,745	-	164,304
Furniture and fixtures	22,006	79	-	22,085
Leasehold improvements	<u>4,285</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,536</u>
Total	<u>187,850</u>	<u>3,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,925</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,904</u>	<u>\$ (3,075)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,829</u>

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(6) PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The Court's Judge is provided with pension through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org.

Benefits Provided

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Our rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service, at age 55 upon completing 25 years of creditable service, and at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retired at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement under throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Retirement (Continued)

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5 % accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Deferred Benefits

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends.

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Deferred Benefits (Continued)

At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

Disability Benefits

Generally, active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

Upon reaching retirement age, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation or 100% of final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence.

Survivor's Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years of surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Survivor's Benefits (Continued)

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Contributions

The employer contribution rate is established annually under La. R.S. 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's Actuary. Each plan pays a separate actuarially-determined employer contribution rate. However, all assets of LASERS are used for the payment of benefits for all classes of members, regardless of their plan membership.

The Court's contractually required composite contribution rate was 40.17% for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and 45.8% for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Employee contribution rate for the year 2024 was 11.5%. Contributions to the pension plan from the Court were \$14,498 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2024, the Employer reported a liability of \$81,247 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Court's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Court's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the Court's proportion was .00149%, which was an increase of .00009% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Court recognized pension expense of \$8,432. At December 31, 2024, the Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 359
Changes of assumptions	568	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	9,687
Changes in proportion and differences between Court contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,472	-
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,724	-
Total	\$ 10,764	\$ 10,046

The deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Court's contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling \$6,724 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and all amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	LASERS
2025	\$ (2,353)
2026	2,503
2027	(3,734)
2028	(2,423)
	\$ (6,007)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Valuation Date:	June 30,
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	7.25% per annum, net of investment expenses
Inflation	2.4% per annum

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Expected Remaining
Service Lives 2 years

Mortality Rates Non-disabled members – PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021.

Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.

Termination, Disability,
and retirement Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2019-2023) experience study of the System’s members.

Salary increases Salary increases were projected based on a 2019-2023 experience study of the System’s members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

<u>Member Type</u>	<u>Lower Range</u>	<u>Upper Range</u>
Regular	3.3%	14.0%
Judges	2.4%	4.8%
Corrections	4.4%	15.3%
Hazardous Duty	4.4%	15.3%
Wildlife	4.4%	15.3%

Cost of Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.4% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.15% for 2024. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.76%
Domestic Equity	4.29%
International Equity	5.22%
Domestic Fixed Income	2.04%
International Fixed Income	5.24%
Alternative Investments	8.19%
Total Fund	5.61%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the pension plan’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Employer’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the Employer’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Court's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 112,200	\$ 81,247	\$ 54,944

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS 2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at www.lasersonline.org.

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(7) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City of Port Allen, Louisiana incurs expenditures on behalf of the Court. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the City paid the expenditures for other services and supplies in the amount of \$17,190 on behalf of the Court, which are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

The Court distributes a portion of all fines collected to the City. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the portion of fines collected by the Court, which were allocable to the City, totaled \$31,732, of which \$3,684 was included in due to other governments at year end.

(8) ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES

In accordance with GASB Codification N50, *Non-exchange Transactions*, Sec. 129 on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries are recognized as revenues and expenditures in these financial statements. The following on-behalf payments are shown as intergovernmental revenue in these financial statements. An equal amount has been included as expenditures in the personal services category.

City of Port Allen	\$ 134,691
State of Louisiana	86,505
West Baton Rouge Parish	<u>42,900</u>
	<u>\$ 264,096</u>

(9) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The GASB has issued Statement No. 100, “Accounting Changes and Error Corrections— an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62”. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The Statement did not have a material effect on the Court’s financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 101, “Compensated Absences”. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The Statement did not have a material effect on the Court’s financial statements upon implementation.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)-
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Actual Basis	Adjustment to Budget Basis		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues							
Court fees, fines, and cost	\$ 274,668	\$ -		\$ 274,668	\$ 150,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 34,668
Intergovernmental	270,988	(264,096) (1)		6,892	8,000	8,000	(1,108)
Other fees	13,287	-		13,287	13,000	13,000	287
Interest	<u>23,337</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>23,337</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>4,337</u>
Total revenues	<u>582,280</u>	<u>(264,096)</u>		<u>318,184</u>	<u>190,000</u>	<u>280,000</u>	<u>38,184</u>
Expenditures							
Current							
General and administration	66,603	-		66,603	10,000	10,000	(56,603)
Travel	17,758	-		17,758	16,000	17,000	(758)
Dues and subscriptions	1,515	-		1,515	1,500	1,500	(15)
Office expense and maintenance	18,286	-		18,286	35,000	50,000	31,714
Personnel expenses	<u>368,799</u>	<u>(264,096) (1)</u>		<u>104,703</u>	<u>121,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>45,297</u>
Total current expenditures	472,961	(264,096)		208,865	183,500	228,500	19,635
Capital outlays	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>472,961</u>	<u>(264,096)</u>		<u>208,865</u>	<u>188,500</u>	<u>233,500</u>	<u>24,635</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>109,319</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>109,319</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>62,819</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers in	<u>6,044</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>6,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,044</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>115,363</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 115,363</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 46,500</u>	<u>\$ 68,863</u>
Fund Balance							
Beginning	<u>448,451</u>						
Ending	<u>\$ 563,814</u>						

Explanation of differences:

(1) On-behalf payments are reflected as revenue and an expenditure in the Court's financial statement as required by GASB Codification Section N50, Section 129, Nonexchange Transactions. Actual amounts are reconciled on a non-GAAP basis for comparison to budget.

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Fiscal Year*	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered- Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its Covered- Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2024	0.0015%	\$ 81,247	\$ 34,631	234.61%	74.6%
2023	0.0014%	\$ 93,509	\$ 41,086	227.60%	68.4%
2022	0.0016%	\$ 118,990	\$ 29,833	398.85%	63.7%
2021	0.0014%	\$ 75,460	\$ 26,551	284.21%	72.8%
2020	0.0020%	\$ 163,759	\$ 37,075	441.70%	58.0%
2019	0.0027%	\$ 198,221	\$ 26,120	758.89%	62.9%
2018	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	64.3%
2017	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	62.5%
2016	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	57.7%
2015	0.0021%	\$ 141,403	\$ 35,655	396.59%	62.7%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2024	\$ 14,498	\$ 14,498	\$ -	\$ 33,944	42.71%
2023	\$ 15,484	\$ 15,484	\$ -	\$ 34,006	45.53%
2022	\$ 18,505	\$ 18,668	\$ (163)	\$ 41,738	44.73%
2021	\$ 11,227	\$ 11,064	\$ 163	\$ 26,070	42.44%
2020	\$ 11,938	\$ 11,938	\$ -	\$ 28,121	42.45%
2019	\$ 19,675	\$ 19,675	\$ -	\$ 47,819	41.14%
2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2015	\$ 12,354	\$ 12,354	\$ -	\$ 31,132	39.68%

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES

Changes of Benefit Terms

For LASERS, a 1.5% cost of living adjustment, effective July 1, 2016, was provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, and the system added benefits for members of the Harbor Police Retirement System, which was merged with LASERS effective July 1, 2015 by Act 648 of 2014.

Changes of Assumptions

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) changed the mortality rate for non-disabled members to the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021. LASERS also adjusted its termination, disability, and retirement assumptions to a projection based on a five-year (2019-2023) experience study of the System's members. LASERS increased its inflation rate assumption from 2.30% to 2.40% and adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 2.6% - 13.8% to 2.4% - 15.3%.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.40% to 7.25%.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.55% to 7.40%.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.60% to 7.55%. LASERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.50% to 2.30%. Additionally, mortality rates used changed from RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018 to RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected using the MP-2018. They adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 3.2% - 14.0% to 3.0% - 13.8%.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.65% to 7.60%. LASERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.75% to 2.50%. Additionally, LASERS adjusted its expected remaining service lives from 3 years to 2 years. Mortality rates used changed from RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015 to RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018. They adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 3.4% - 14.3% to 3.2% - 14.0%.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.70% to 7.65%.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

Changes of Assumptions (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.70%. LASERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 3.0% to 2.75%. Additionally, LASERS adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 3.6% – 14.5% to 3.4% – 14.3%.

There were no changes in assumptions during any other years presented.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Agency Head Name: William T. Kleinpeter

Purpose	
Salary	\$ 142,443
Benefits-insurance	15,841
Benefits-retirement	60,877
Dues	1,190
Conferences	2,095
Conference travel	7,916
Per diem	<u>1,116</u>
 Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	 <u><u>\$ 231,478</u></u>

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CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2024
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected:	\$ 85,812	\$ 158,868
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees	34,301	31,749
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	436,245	562,129
Criminal Fines - Other	116,894	155,686
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	1,449	2,809
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	2,835	3,208
Subtotal Collections	<u>591,724</u>	<u>755,581</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments and Non-Profits:		
City of Port Allen, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	16,271	14,184
City of Port Allen Marshall, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	109,240	162,153
City of Port Allen Marshall - Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	1,250	3,010
Judicial College, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,248	1,839
Indigent Defender Fund, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	113,474	167,420
Louisiana Commission On Law Enforcement, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	42	38
Crime Victims Reparations Fund, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	157	142
Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,385	1,245
Treasurer, State of Louisiana CMIS, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	7,515	11,061
West Baton Rouge Parish Council, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	131,530	180,637
City of Port Allen Marshall, Civil Fees	7,320	6,708
City of Denham Springs Marshall, Civil Fees	-	90
Judicial College, Civil Fees	52	45
Treasurer, State of Louisiana, Civil Fees	3,097	2,732
West Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, Civil Fees	210	-
Iberville Parish Sheriffs Office, Civil Fees	65	-
East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriffs Office; Civil Fees	858	502
Ascension Parish Sheriffs Office; Civil Fees	84	-
Lafayette Parish Sheriffs Office, Civil Fees	161	-
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriffs Office, Civil Fees	130	146
Orleans Parish Sheriffs Office, Civil Fees	90	120
East Baton Rouge City Constable, Civil Fees	1,170	270
St. Tammany Sheriffs Office, Civil Fees	-	86
Shreveport City Marshall, Civil Fees	60	-
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency:		
City Court of Port Allen, Criminal Fines - Other	102,874	152,766
City Court of Port Allen, Civil Fees	18,885	15,184
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies:		
Civil Fee Refunds	1,002	6,638
Bond Fee Refunds	100	6,898
Restitution Payments to Individuals	-	89
Other Disbursements to Individuals	398	664
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	-	-
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>518,668</u>	<u>734,667</u>
Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	<u>\$ 158,868</u>	<u>\$ 179,782</u>

(See Independent Auditors' Report)



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Honorable William T. Kleinpeter
City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City Court of Port Allen's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City Court of Port Allen's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Port Allen's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Port Allen's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and responses* as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.



To the Honorable William T. Kleinpeter
City Court of Port Allen, Louisiana

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City Court of Port Allen’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City Court of Port Allen's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City Court of Port Allen’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City Court of Port Allen’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

June 4, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Ericksen Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SECTION I- SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORT

1. The Independent Auditors' Report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the City Court of Port Allen (the Court).
2. One material weakness in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements was reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements was reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
4. A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2024.

SECTION II – FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Material Weakness

Finding 2024-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition: Due to the limited number of personnel, the Court is unable to achieve an adequate segregation of duties across its financial processes. Some individuals perform multiple roles that may include authorization, recordkeeping, and custody of assets.

Criteria: A sound internal control system requires segregation of duties such that no one individual controls all key aspects of a transaction. This reduces the risk of errors or fraud occurring and going undetected.

Effect: The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of errors or fraud occurring without detection, which could compromise the accuracy and reliability of financial reporting.

Cause: The Court has a small administrative staff, which makes it impractical to fully segregate all accounting duties.

Recommendation: We recommend that management continue to assess roles and responsibilities to ensure duties are segregated to the extent feasible. Where full segregation is not possible, compensating controls such as supervisory review, dual authorization, or periodic independent reviews should be implemented and documented.

View of Responsible Officials: We agree with the finding. While staffing limitations prevent full segregation of duties, we will continue to implement and maintain mitigating controls to reduce the associated risk.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS

Finding 2023-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition: The entity does not employ enough personnel to achieve an optimum level of segregation of duties.

This finding has not been resolved as of December 31, 2024.

COMPLIANCE FINDINGS

Finding 2023-002 Failure to Comply with Local Government Budget Act Regarding Requirement to Amend the Budget If Greater Than 5% Variance in Total Revenues and Expenditures

Condition: Total revenues failed to meet total amended budgeted revenues by 5% or more.

This finding has been resolved as of December 31, 2024.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Judge William Kleinpeter and
the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the year ended December 31, 2024. City Court of Port Allen's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

City Court of Port Allen has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the year ended December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our procedures and associated findings are detailed in Schedule "1".

We were engaged by City Court of Port Allen to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. 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.

We are required to be independent of City Court of Port Allen and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

June 4, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Ericksen Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

1) BANK RECONCILIATIONS

- A. Procedure:** Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged)
 - b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement's closing date, if applicable.

Results: Exception noted, all 4 accounts have no evidence of research for reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from closing date. One account is also missing a reconciliation.

CITY COURT OF PORT ALLEN
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RE: Independent Accountant's Report on the Application of Agreed-Upon Procedures

The following is my response to the findings of the recent Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the City Court of Port Allen:

1) Bank Reconciliations

The checks for the City Court of Port Allen include a statement that the check is void after 90 days. Any uncashed checks will be voided.

We are currently working with auditors to correct software issues to be able to reconcile the account.

If you have any questions or if any further action is needed, please contact me at (225)346-4702 or at will@portallencitycourt.com.

Sincerely,

William T. Kleinpeter
Judge, City Court of Port Allen