

Edit Referral

H-22-341 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-22-341

Date of Submission: 9/23/2022

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: City/Town

Entity: Toppenish, City of

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Billings/Receivables

1-2 sentence description of concern: Municipal code 13.04.060 part c requires charging sales tax for installation of water services; however, the City Manager has told staff not to charge this as we have never charged it in the past.

Report Issued: Yes

Reporting Type: Verbal Resolution

Report Number: 1034162

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: Yes

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit

Audit Team: Yakima

Audit Team Contact: stranda@sao.wa.gov

cc: AMY Bunger (bungera@sao.wa.gov)

Referral Date: 9/26/2022

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 2/8/2024

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H-22-341 Contact Information

Hotline ID: H-22-341

Date of Submission: 9/23/2022

Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Local government employee

Staff:

Author(Last, First): Shaul , Victor

Address:

City:

State: WA **Zip:**

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone: 509.907.0859

Email: vshaul1234@gmail.com

Can Contact: Yes

Contact: Mobile Phone

Preference: Email

Anonymous: No

Waived Confidentiality: Yes

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

Municipal code 13.04.060 part c requires charging sales tax for installation of water services; however, the City Manager has told staff not to charge this as we have never charged it in the past.

Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

Citizen was told by Debbie not to charge sales tax

How did this issue come to your attention?

Submitting on behalf of the citizen that was told not to submit information, Victor Shaul. See Hotline 305 for other concern.

What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement? Please include employee titles if possible.

Debbie Zabell

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

All staff including Malarey who put in her notice recently

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

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Activity
Log
Hotline ID: H-22-341

Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
02/08/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
02/08/2024	Referral updated by 'ANN Strand (stranda)'.
02/07/2024	This hotline can be closed. --stranda
01/26/2024	We spoke to the citizen about all of the hotlines they have submitted and let them know the recommendations we will be providing to the City as a result. For the sales tax we let them know that we were able to agree the fees to what was billed; however, sales tax collections and remittance to DOR is not within our scope of audit. Therefore, we did not recalcate or evaluate whether it was properly obtained --bungera
03/27/2023	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
09/26/2022	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
09/26/2022	Task assigned to 'stranda@sao.wa.gov'. Team notification email sent to: stranda@sao.wa.gov,bungera@sao.wa.gov
09/26/2022	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit.
09/26/2022	I spoke to citizen and he is concerned about the city following municipal code. He is fine with us waiting for an accountability audit next year. --bungera