



**DENVER**  
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# AUDITOR'S OFFICE



## 2026 Budget Review

- ***Vision:*** *Our work delivers value and impact for Denver and follows the highest professional standards.*
- ***Mission:*** *We deliver independent, transparent, and professional oversight to safeguard and improve the public's investment in the City and County of Denver. Our work is performed on behalf of everyone who cares about the City - including its residents, workers, and decision-makers.*

- Auditor Duties and Requirements
  - City Charter / DRMC
  - Local and Federal Labor Law Compliance
- 2026 Budget Allocation
- Denver Labor Litigator need



# Duties of the Auditor's Office

## **City Charter and DRMC**

Denver City Charter, Article V, establishes independence of the Auditor's Office and general authority and duties while conducting audits of the city and county.

## **Enforcement of City Wage Ordinances**

Includes enforcement of prevailing wage (\$20.76), civil wage (\$38-51.9), and minimum wage within the City and County of Denver. Denver minimum wage, and the Federal Davis-Bacon Act.

## **Federal Enforcement**

Oversight of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of contractors and subcontractors on federally funded construction projects.



# 2026 Budget Allocation

Budget to remain flat compared to 2025 at \$16,196,607.

Mayor & Finance Department has no oversight to dictate the Auditor's Office budget or freeze positions.

Commitment of savings for 2026 will be equal to the 3% request.


# Denver Labor Litigator



Need for a Denver Labor Litigator grows.



Elevated risk of the ability to collect for workers.



Resolution - Auditor's Office will split the cost of a City Attorney for this role. The AO will contribute up to \$110,000 with an increase to the annual budget.



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# Questions?