



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Mayor, Town Council  
**From:** Dawn Brecke, Treasurer  
**Date:** June 1, 2026  
**Re:** **June 10, 2026 Town Council Meeting**  
**FY2025-26 Fraud Risk Assessment**

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The State Auditor's Office and our Cyber Security Insurance carrier require the Town to complete and present a Fraud Risk Assessment to the council each year. The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the Town's current financial risk level and, if possible, mitigate those risks by enhancing policies and procedures.

Attached is the Fraud Risk Assessment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. I am pleased to report that the Town earned 355 of a possible 395 points on the assessment, placing us in the 'Low' risk category. This score reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening internal controls and processes to improve efficiency and mitigate risk.

Please contact me with questions regarding the Fraud Risk Assessment.

Thank you.

# Fraud Risk Assessment

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\*Total Points Earned: 355 /395 \*Risk Level: Very Low Low Moderate High Very High  
 > 355      316-355      276-315      200-275      < 200

	Yes	Pts
1. Does the entity have adequate basic separation of duties or mitigating controls as outlined in the attached Basic Separation of Duties Questionnaire?	✓	200
2. Does the entity have governing body adopted written policies in the following areas:		
a. Conflict of interest?	✓	5
b. Procurement?	✓	5
c. Ethical behavior?	✓	5
d. Reporting fraud and abuse?	✓	5
e. Travel?	✓	5
f. Credit/Purchasing cards (where applicable)?	✓	5
g. Personal use of entity assets?	✓	5
h. IT and computer security?	✓	5
i. Cash receipting and deposits?	✓	5
3. Does the entity have a licensed or certified (CPA, CGFM, CMA, CIA, CFE, CGAP, CPFO) expert as part of its management team?	✓	20
a. Do any members of the management team have at least a bachelor's degree in accounting?	✓	10
4. Are employees and elected officials required to annually commit in writing to abide by a statement of ethical behavior?	✓	20
5. Have all governing body members completed entity specific (District Board Member Training for local/special service districts & interlocal entities, Introductory Training for Municipal Officials for cities & towns, etc.) online training ( <a href="http://training.auditor.utah.gov">training.auditor.utah.gov</a> ) within four years of term appointment/election date?	✓	20
6. Regardless of license or formal education, does at least one member of the management team receive at least 40 hours of formal training related to accounting, budgeting, or other financial areas each year?	✓	20
7. Does the entity have or promote a fraud hotline?	✓	20
8. Does the entity have a formal internal audit function?	-	20
9. Does the entity have a formal audit committee?	-	20

\*Entity Name: Town of Springdale

\*Completed for Fiscal Year Ending: June 30, 2026 \*Completion Date: June 1, 2026

\*CAO Name: Thomas Dansie \*CFO Name: Dawn Brecke

\*CAO Signature:  \*CFO Signature: 

\*Required

# Basic Separation of Duties

See the following page for instructions and definitions.

	Yes	No	MC*	N/A
1. Does the entity have a board chair, clerk, and treasurer who are three separate people?	✓			
2. Are all the people who are able to receive cash or check payments different from all of the people who are able to make general ledger entries?	✓			
3. Are all the people who are able to collect cash or check payments different from all the people who are able to adjust customer accounts? If no customer accounts, check "N/A".	✓			
4. Are all the people who have access to blank checks different from those who are authorized signers?			✓	
5. Does someone other than the clerk and treasurer reconcile all bank accounts OR are original bank statements reviewed by a person other than the clerk to detect unauthorized disbursements?	✓			
6. Does someone other than the clerk review periodic reports of all general ledger accounts to identify unauthorized payments recorded in those accounts?	✓			
7. Are original credit/purchase card statements received directly from the card company by someone other than the card holder? If no credit/purchase cards, check "N/A".	✓			
8. Does someone other than the credit/purchase card holder ensure that all card purchases are supported with receipts or other supporting documentation? If no credit/purchase cards, check "N/A".	✓			
9. Does someone who is not a subordinate of the credit/purchase card holder review all card purchases for appropriateness (including the chief administrative officer and board members if they have a card)? If no credit/purchase cards, check "N/A".	✓			
10. Does the person who authorizes payment for goods or services, who is not the clerk, verify the receipt of goods or services?	✓			
11. Does someone authorize payroll payments who is separate from the person who prepares payroll payments? If no W-2 employees, check "N/A".	✓			
12. Does someone review all payroll payments who is separate from the person who prepares payroll payments? If no W-2 employees, check "N/A".	✓			

\* MC = Mitigating Control