Website Audit

City/County: \_\_\_Alamogordo\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* + **Financial (18)**
    - Budget
      * Overall and by department, agency, or board budgets. (3) for current year (2) for previous years. [5]
      * Budget analysis report. (1) [0]
    - Register
      * Check register, for both written and electronic checks, by department, agency, or board, showing payments to individual vendors. (4) [0]
    - Spending
      * Interim financial reports by department, agency , or board through the most recent month or quarter. (3) [3]

\*While the Summary Explanation of City Fund Accounts describes the purposes and the utilization of certain funds, it does not give specified costs in terms of actual numbers.

* + - Audits
      * Copies of or links to financial and operational audits, internal and external, performed for the current year. (3) [3]
      * For the past 3 years. (1) [1]
    - Taxes
      * Property and other tax rates. (1) [1]

\*The website does not list the existence of property taxes, but that is usually handled by county governments. The website does list an itemized list of the different percentages of tax and what government functions they fund.

* + **Accountability Data (17)**
    - Employees
      * The name, position/title, and salary of every employee/official. (5) [0]

\*There was not a complete list of the employees that work there, let alone salary information.

* + - Vendors
      * A database of current vendors and their contracts, plus those for the current year (3) [0]
      * For last 3 years. (1) [0]
    - Contracts
      * Copies of current contracts. (2) [0]

\*Neither the purchasing nor the finance sections of the website provided any information on current contracts or past contracts.

* + - * Copies of contracts or the last 3 years (1) [0]
      * Open contracts available for bid, plus bidding rules and requirements (2) [2]
    - Grants
      * Grants or subsidies for economic development (1) [1]
    - Campaign Finance Info
      * Any information about the current administrations campaign finance information (2) [0]

\*Election information was provided, but nothing in terms of political contributions.

* + **Public Meetings (23)**
    - Rights
      * A clear statement of individual rights of access and to speak at public meetings, with links to state law and to any supplemental local provisions. (3) [0]
    - Notice
      * Annual schedule of all regular meetings, with time and place, for all boards, commissions, and committees. (3) [3]

\*The schedule is searchable through a user-friendly website.

* + - Videos
      * Videotapes of past meetings posted to an accessible area. (2) [0]

\*However, they do provide audio recordings of the meetings.

* + - Agendas
      * Advance posting of agendas for upcoming meetings (3) [3]
    - Packet
      * Citizen's copy of agenda materials given boards members. Would include texts of bills/resolutions/ordinances, and of supporting reports and memoranda. (4) [4]
    - Minutes
      * Posted within 10 days of approval at meeting. (3) [3]
      * Minutes reflect votes of individual board members. (1) [1]
      * Archived for the past 3 years (1) [1]

\*Minutes for the past 14 years are provided.

* + - OMA Policy
      * Resolution of OMA policy for current year. (3) [0]
  + **Contact Information (3)**
    - Elected
      * Contact info (1) [1]
      * Term of office and next election date (1) [1]
    - Appointed
      * All senior administrators and department heads (1) [1]
  + **Public Records (21)**
    - Rights
      * A clear statement of an individual's right of access to records (2) [2]
      * Links to the text of state laws and to any supplemental local regulations or policies (2) [2]
      * Links to any information resources available for persons seeking public records (1) [1]
    - Procedures
      * Local procedures or policies on accessing public records, including guidelines to assist citizens making records request, including fees, and suggestions on how to minimize those costs (3) [3]

\*The website mentions that if citizens want records emailed to them, there will be no charge. However, some of the transmission charges (faxes are $1 a page) can be prohibitive for most.

* + - * Information on electronic access to public records and formats in which data is available (1) [1]
    - Officers
      * Contact information for all records custodians or others charged with assisting the public in providing access to public records, by department, agency, or board. (2) [2]
    - FOI Page
      * Open Records Request page that presents all of this information in one place. (2) [2]
    - FRIs
      * Frequently requested information is indexed and posted (1) [1]
    - Tracking
      * Website feature for tracking of records requests, whether made online or otherwise. (2) [0]
    - Ordinances
      * City code or ordinances access (3) [3]

\*However, it is on a separate page

* + - Jobs
      * Job vacancies with county or city are posted on website (2) [2]
  + **Website Functionality (9)** 
    - Downloadable
      * Information can be downloaded in form that is easily searched and sortable. (2) [2]

\*The information that is downloadable is searchable, but the amount of downloadable content is lacking.

* + - Searchable
      * There is a homepage search box that allows search by key word, phrase, or activity, and by agency, department, or board. (2) [2]
    - One-Click
      * Most information can be found with a single click/drop-down menu from home page. (2) [2]
    - Site Index
      * A readily accessible site index of all pages, features. (2) [2]
    - Feedback
      * Users are invited to comment on website, functions. (1) [1]
  + **Frequently Sought Information (9)**
    - Building, Zoning
      * Links to building and zoning regulations and maps. (2) [2]
      * Hearing schedules and agendas. (1) [1]
    - Public Safety
      * Easy access to police crime reports, by neighborhood. (1) [0]
    - Assessments [n/a]
      * Links to property assessments. (1)
      * Information on assessment appeals process. (1)
      * Information on filing for assessment exemptions. (1)
      * Searchable website provided to acquire property assessment. (2)

**Score Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_63\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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