TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE

JUNE 30, 2001

Report

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Examination

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 19, 2001

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee Thompson's Station, Tennessee

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the individual fund and account group financial statements of Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the individual fund and accounting group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds and account groups of Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations of such funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated December 19, 2001, on our consideration of Town of Thompson's Station's internal controls over financial reporting and our tests on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the individual fund and account group financial statements. The financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, individual fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds and account groups taken as a whole.

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## TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2001

		,			Tota	als
	Governmen	tal Funds		t Groups	(Memorano	
	General <u>Fund</u>	Special Revenue	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term <u>Debt</u>	June 30, 2001	June 30, 
ASSETS  Cash  Taxes receivable - property  Taxes receivable - other  Furniture and equipment  Buildings  Land and improvements  Amount to be provided for	\$ 1,098,673 34,886 60,447	\$ 40,804 5,891	\$ 5,415 180,991 304,515	\$	\$ 1,139,477 34,886 66,338 5,415 180,991 304,515	\$ 883,443 1,233 0 5,415 175,706 304,515
retirement of long-term debt				29,894	29,894	36,522
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,194,006</u>	\$ 46,695	\$ 490,921	\$ 29,894	\$ <u>1,761,516</u>	\$ 1,406,834
LIABILITIES						
Note payable - bank Deferred revenue - taxes Payroll taxes payable Total Liabilities	\$ 32,563 326 32,889	\$	\$	\$ 29,894	\$ 29,894 32,563 326 62,783	\$ 36,522 0 326 36,848
FUND HOUTEN						
FUND EQUITY Investment in General Fixed Assets			490,921		490,921	485,636
Fund Equity Unreserved	1,161,117	46,695			1,207,812	884,350
<u>Total</u>	\$ 1,194,006	\$ 46,695	\$ 490,921	\$ 29,894	\$ 1,761,516	\$ 1,406,834

# TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - ALL GOVERNMENTAL TYPES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Governmenta	Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	(Memorandum Only)
Revenue Taxes Intergovernmental revenue Other income	\$ 100,549 184,536 59,188	\$ 41,402	\$ 100,549 225,938
<u>Total</u>	344,273	41,402	59,188 385,675
Expenditures General government Total	60,903 60,903	$\frac{1,310}{1,310}$	62,213 62,213
Excess of Revenue and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	283,370	40,092	323,462
Fund Equity - July 1, 2000	877,747	6,603	884,350
Fund Equity - June 30, 2001	\$ <u>1,161,117</u>	\$ 46,695	\$ 1,207,812

# TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	General Fund			Special Revenue Funds			Totals(Memorandum Only)		
	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )	Actual_	Budget	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Revenue Taxes Intergovernmental revenue Other income Total	\$ 100,549 184,536 59,188 344,273	\$ 88,300 117,100 41,050 246,450	\$ 12,249 67,436 18,138 97,823	\$ 41,402 41,402	\$ 35,000 35,000	\$ 6,402 6,402	\$ 100,549 225,938 59,188 385,675	\$ 88,300 152,100 41,050 281,450	\$ 12,249 73,838 18,138 104,225
Expenditures  General government Streets Total	60,903	341,510 341,510	280,607 280,607	$\frac{1,310}{1,310}$	35,000 35,000	33,690 33,690	60,903 1,310 62,213	341,510 35,000 376,510	280,607 33,690 314,297
Excess of Revenue and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	283,370	( 95,060)	378,430	40,092		40,092	323,462	( 95,060)	418,522
Fund Equity - July 1, 2000	877,747	877,747	-0-	6,603	6,603	-0-	884,350	884,350	-0-
Fund Equity - June 30, 2001	\$ <u>1,161,117</u>	\$ <u>782,687</u>	\$ 378,430	\$ <u>46,695</u>	\$ 6,603	\$ 40,092	\$ 1,207,812	\$ 789,290	\$ 418,522

#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee (the "Town") was incorporated on August 15, 1990, under the provisions of Section 6-1-202, etc. seq., Tennessee Code Annotated. The Town operates under a Mayor-Aldermanic form of government and is authorized to provide all services accorded to municipalities in the State of Tennessee.

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

#### NOTE 1 - THE REPORTING ENTITY

The Town, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operations of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee.

The financial statements of the Town include those of separately administered organizations that are controlled by or dependent on the Town. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding and appointment of the respective governing board.

Based on the foregoing criteria in GASB pronouncements, there are no component units to be included in the accompanying financial statements.

#### NOTE 2 - FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which are comprised of each fund's assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and for individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into:

#### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trust or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

#### NOTE 3 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to property, plant and equipment and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Property, plant and equipment used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. No depreciation has been provided on such property, plant and equipment.

All property, plant and equipment are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated property, plant and equipment are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

The Town has adopted the accounting policy of not capitalizing "infrastructure" general fixed assets (roads, bridges, curb and gutter, streets, and similar assets that are immovable and of value only to the Town).

Account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement or results of operations.

The General Long-Term Debt Account Group is used to account for long-term liabilities to be financed from government funds.

#### NOTE 4 - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become 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 be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Sales, gasoline and fuel, and state income taxes are recognized as revenue when in the hands of the intermediary collecting agencies. All other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when received. Expenditures are recognized when the liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due.

#### NOTE 5 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Town followed these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- a. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- b. Unused appropriations for all of the above annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.
- c. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised during the year.

#### NOTE 6 - TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

#### NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES - REVENUE RECOGNITION

Property taxes are levied on October 1 and become due and payable on October 1. Taxes not paid by March 1 of the following year become delinquent and penalty and interest begins to accumulate on that date. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they become measurable and available. Property taxes collected within sixty days after year end are considered to be measurable and available and are recognized as revenue at year end; taxes not collected within sixty days after year end are reported as deferred revenue.

Delinquent taxes of 1999 and older have been filed with the Williamson County Clerk and Master.

Year								
of	Tax			Balance		Taxes		Balance
Levy	<u>Rate</u>	Assessment	Levy	6-30-00		Levied	Collections	6-30-01
1994	.23	\$ 7,998,690	\$ 18,397	\$ 19	\$		\$	\$ 19
1995	.23	8,242,612	18,958	9			·	9
1996	.23	7,923,914	18,225	0				o o
1997	.23	8,800,435	20,241	41				41
1998	.23	13,226,521	30,421	99			33	66
1999	.18	17,718,887	31,894	1,065			851	214
2000	.18	18,196,665	32,754	•		32,754	30,780	1,974
2001	.15	21,708,577	32,563			32,563	00,700	32,563
		•	•	\$ 1,233	\$	$\frac{65,317}{65}$	\$ 31,664	\$ 34,886
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#### NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, destruction and theft of assets, errors, and omissions and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. There have been no reductions in coverage from the prior year and no settlements which would have exceeded the coverage in the past three years.

#### NOTE 9 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in General Fixed Assets for the year ended June 30, 2001, follows:

	Balance July l,			Balance
	- '			June 30,
	2000	Additions	Deductions	2001
Furniture and equipment	\$ 5,415	\$	\$	\$ 5,415
Buildings	175,706	5,285	·	180,991
Land and improvements	<u>304,515</u>			304,515
	\$ 485,636	\$ 5,285	\$	\$ 490,921

Additions to General Fixed Assets consisted of:

		Land and	
Purchases		<u>Improvements</u>	Total Total
rurchases	\$ <u>5,285</u>	Ş	\$ <u>5,285</u>

#### NOTE 10 - DEPOSITS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$1,139,477 and the bank balance was \$1,145,374. The Town's \$1,139,477 deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. The categories are described as follows:

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.

Category 3 - Uncollaterialized.

Deposits, categorized by level of risk are:

	Bank	Cat	egory		Carrying
	<u>Balance</u>	1	2	3	Amount
Cash	\$1,145,374	\$1,145,374			\$1,139,477

The financial institutions are members of the Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool. The deposits are collateralized by the Collateral Pool.

#### NOTE 11 - CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of long-term debt is as follows:

Capital Outlay Notes, Series 1993, \$75,000.00 issued with	Balance July 1, 2000	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2001
fixed interest rate of 4.835% Semi-annual payments of				
\$4,155.33, including interest, beginning December 21, 1993.	\$ <u>36,522</u>	\$	\$ <u>6,628</u>	\$ 29,894

The following is a summary of note payments and interest requirements for the year ending June 30:

<u>Year</u>	Principal	Interest	Total
2002	\$ 6,944	\$ 1,366	\$ 8,310
2003	7,287	1,023	8,310
2004	7,645	665	8,310
2005	8,018	292	8,310
	\$ 29,894	\$ 3,346	\$ 33,240

### TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - STATE STREET AID JUNE 30, 2001

#### Balance Sheet

Assets Cash Taxes receivable	\$ 40,804 5,891 \$ <u>46,695</u>
Fund Equity Unreserved	\$ <u>46,695</u>

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Revenue State of Tennessee State Street Aid	\$ 41,402	\$ 35,000	\$ 6,402
<pre>Expenditures     Streets - repairs and maintenance</pre>	1,310	35,000	33,690
Excess of Revenue and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	40,092	0	40,092
Fund Equity - July 1, 2000	6,603	6,603	0
Fund Equity - June 30, 2001	\$ <u>46,695</u>	\$ 6,603	\$ 40,092

#### TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

REVENUE	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Taxes Property Privilege Licenses and permits Wholesale beer Local sales tax Interest and penalty Total Taxes	\$ 32,754 \( 5,413 \) \( 200 \) \( 24,298 \) \( 37,717 \) \( \frac{167}{100,549} \)	1,100 200 20,000 35,000	\$ 754 4,313 0 4,298 2,717 167 12,249
Intergovernmental Revenue  Payments in lieu of taxes State of Tennessee - sales tax State of Tennessee - beer tax State of Tennessee - street and transportation State of Tennessee - income tax Total Intergovernmental Revenue	8,551 93,532 653 3,067 78,733 184,536	75,000 600 3,000	51 18,532 53 67 48,733 67,436
Other Income Interest Other Total Other Income	56,988 2,200 59,188	40,050 1,000 41,050	16,938 
Total Revenue	\$ 344,273	\$ 246,450	\$ 97,823

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Office supplies	\$ 459	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,041
Postage and freight	150	500	350
Legal fees	7,933	15,000	7,067
Auditing fee	2,200	2,300	100
Other professional fees	7,384	10,000	2,616
Bank charges	0	100	100
City recorder	4,200	4,200	0
Payroll taxes	384	410	26
Advertising	297	2,000	1,703
Board member expense	0	1,000	1,000
Utilities	4,127	4,700	573
Memberships and publications	805	1,000	195
Insurance	4,702	7,000	2,298
Telephone	686	800	114
Maintenance and repairs	1,945	3,000	1,055
Animal control	845	1,000	155
Park improvements	0	10,000	10,000
Trustee fees and commissions	1,330	1,500	170
Building improvements	5,285	10,000	4,715
Other	643	3,000	2,357
Street repairs and maintenance	3,729	235,000	231,271
Parks and recreation	4,588	5,000	412
Election official	900	. 0	( 900)
Planning and mapping	0	3,000	3,000
Fixed assets	0	10,000	10,000
Privilege tax expenditures	0	1,100	1,100
Debt retirement	8,311	8,400	89
Total General Government	60,903	341,510	280,607
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Excess of Revenue and Other Sources			
Over (Under) Expenditures	000 070		
over (onder) Expenditures	283,370	( 95,060)	378,430
Fund Equity - July 1, 2000	877 <b>,</b> 747	877,747	-0-
Fund Equity - June 30, 2001	\$ 1,161,117	\$ <u>782,687</u>	\$ 378,430

### TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS JUNE 30, 2001

General Fixed Assets	
Furniture and equipment	\$ 5,415
Buildings	180,991
Land and improvements	304,515
Total	$\frac{304,315}{490,921}$
Investment in General Fixed Assets	
From current revenue	\$ 238,071
From contributions	252,850
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>490,921</u>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS - BY SOURCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Furniture And Equipment	Buildings	Land and Improvements	<u>Total</u>
General Fixed Assets - July 1, 2000	\$ 5,415	\$ 175,706	\$ 304,515	\$ 485,636
Additions: General Fund		5,285		5,285
General Fixed Assets - June 30, 2001	\$ 5,415	\$ <u>180,991</u>	\$ 304,515	\$ 490,921
Function and Activity  General Government Administrative	General Fixed Asset July 1, 2000 \$ 77,166	Additions \$	<u>Deductions</u>	General Fixed Assets June 30,2001 \$ 77,166
Land and improvements	408,470	5,285		413,755
	\$ 485,636	\$5,285		\$ 490,921

### TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE JUNE 30, 2001

#### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Company		Period	Coverage
TML Risk Manageme	ent Pool	7-1-00/01	Commercial General Liability Injury - per person \$'130,000 - per occurrence 350,000 Property damage -
			per occurrence 50,000 Each other loss -
			per occurrence 1,000,000
TML Risk Manageme	ent Pool	7-1-00/01	Property Fire and extended coverage 478,777 Deductible 500
TML Risk Manageme	ent Pool	7-1-00/01	Workers Compensation Bodily injury - by accident 130,000 by disease 350,000

#### SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Name of Official	<u>Title</u>	Annual Salary	Amount of of Bond
Cherry Jackson	Mayor	-0-	\$10,000
John T. Neal	Vice Mayor	-0-	10,000
Sarah H. Benson	Alderman	-0-	10,000
Doug Goetsch	City Recorder	\$4,200	10,000

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 19, 2001

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee Thompson's Station, Tennessee

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2001. 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.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings on page 18.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation or the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Parsone and Associates

Parsons and Associates

### TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS JUNE 30, 2001

#### 1. FINDING:

Finding No. 1 is a disclosed but uncorrected finding from prior years. The Town of Thompson's Station has one employee who serves as City Recorder. The employee performs the duties of City Recorder and does all the recording and bookkeeping functions. The lack of personnel does not permit the separation of functions and does not provide a check on the recording of transactions. The lack of a cross-check could permit errors to remain undetected for some time.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen assign various members to supervising and/or cross checking reports and records on a regular periodic basis.

RESPONSE:

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen are aware that the lack of personnel creates a lack of desired internal control. However, the cost of maintaining sufficient personnel for such desired controls would be prohibitive at this time and the benefits derived from such costs could not be justified.

Reports, in some detail, are provided for the Board's use on a regular basis and virtually all the revenue is received in the form of checks from other political subdivisions. All checks written require two signatures.