



**CITY OF BLUE ASH  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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CITY OF BLUE ASH  
HAMILTON COUNTY

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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARD EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <i>Pass-Through Grantor</i> <u>Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass Through Entity Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b> <i>Passed Through Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>			
Drug Control and Systems Improvement/ Byrne Formula Grant Program	16.579	99-DG-A01-7353	<u>\$596,735</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>596,735</u>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>			<b><u>\$596,735</u></b>

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an intergral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES  
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Expenditures (the Schedule) is a summary of the activity of the City's federal awards programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require that the City contribute non-federal funds (matching funds) to support that Federally-funded programs. The City has complied with the matching requirements. The expenditure of non-Federal matching funds is not included on the Schedule.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

City of Blue Ash  
Hamilton County  
4343 Cooper Road  
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To the City Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 the City'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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated June 22, 2001.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City'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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated June 22, 2001.

City of Blue Ash  
Hamilton County  
Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by  
*Government Auditing Standards*  
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This report is intended for the information and use of management, City Council, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
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June 22, 2001





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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

City of Blue Ash  
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4343 Cooper Road  
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To the City Council:

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio (the City), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2000. The City's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

**Internal Control Over Compliance**

The management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

#### **Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures**

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Blue Ash as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2001. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, City Council, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

June 22, 2001

**CITY OF BLUE ASH  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Program Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Program (list):	Drug Control & Systems Improvement Formula Grant - CFDA # 16.579
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A > \$300,000 Type B - all other programs
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None



***THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO***

HAMILTON COUNTY



COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2000

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**

HAMILTON COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2000

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## *INTRODUCTORY SECTION*

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June 22, 2001

To The Council and The Citizens of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio:

Submitted for your review is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the City of Blue Ash, (the City) for the year ended December 31, 2000. While there is no legal requirement for the preparation of this report, it represents a commitment by the City of Blue Ash to conform to nationally recognized standards of excellence in financial reporting. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the City. We believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operation of the City; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the City's financial activity have been presented.

This report is comprised of three major sections:

1. The Introductory Section includes this Letter of Transmittal which addresses the organization, accomplishments and operational structure of the City, a list of the Principal City Officials, and an Organizational Chart;
2. The Financial Section contains the Report of Independent Accountants, the General Purpose Financial Statements, which includes explanatory notes and provides an overview of the City's financial position and operating results, and the Combining Financial Statements of the Individual Funds and Account Groups that provide detailed information to the General Purpose Financial Statements;
3. The Statistical Section presents social, economic, and historical data which can be used to identify financial trends, and data relative to the fiscal capacity of the City.

This CAFR was prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles established by statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative pronouncements.

## **REPORTING ENTITY**

The accompanying general purpose financial statements comply with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*," in that the financial statements include financial activity of the primary government. The primary government consists of all the organizations, activities, and functions that are not legally separate from the City. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City (government) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either (1) the City's ability to impose its will over the component unit, or (2) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the City.

Based on the foregoing, the reporting entity of the City has no component units but includes the following services as authorized by its charter: police and fire protection, emergency medical response, parks and recreation, planning, zoning, street maintenance, refuse collection (on a contractual basis) and other governmental services. In addition, the City owns a golf course and restaurant which are reported as an enterprise fund.

## **THE CITY OF BLUE ASH**

The City of Blue Ash is a vibrant Ohio community located twelve miles northeast of Cincinnati. Its 7.7 square mile area serves an estimated residential population of 12,513 (2000 Census) and an estimated daytime population of 75,000. In 2000, approximately 2,281 businesses and organizations were located in Blue Ash. Blue Ash is a balanced community with approximately 35% of the area designated for residential use; approximately 35% for industrial and commercial use; and the remaining 30% used for municipal, educational, and agricultural purposes. Blue Ash was settled in 1791, incorporated as a village in 1955 and became a City in 1961. Blue Ash is a home-rule City with a Council/Manager form of government. The City's responsibilities and structure are outlined in the City Charter, which was adopted by residents in 1961 and was last amended in 1989.

The legislative body of Blue Ash consists of a seven-member Council, five of whom are elected by Ward, and two of whom are elected At-Large. The Mayor and Vice Mayor are chosen by Council from among its members. All seven members are elected on a partisan basis for two-year terms, with the terms of current Council members expiring November 30, 2001.

The City Council appoints a City Manager, a Solicitor, and a Clerk of Council. The City Manager is responsible for appointing the Treasurer and an administrative staff. Municipal services are provided by the following four major operational units:

- (1) Administrative Services Department
- (2) Safety Department
- (3) Service Department
- (4) Parks and Recreation Department

Each of the four departments is managed by a director, with department services being directly supervised by an assigned division head. The Administrative Services and Parks and Recreation Departments are under the direction of the Treasurer/Administrative Services Director, who is appointed by the City Manager. The Safety and Service Departments are under the direction of the Deputy Manager/Safety Director, who is also appointed by the City Manager.

The Administrative Services Department is responsible for the functions of tax collection, financial control, data processing, risk management and public information. This department provides certain essential support services to all departments and divisions of the City, as well as several direct services to residents and businesses. The Administrative Services Department consists of two divisions--the Tax Division and the Finance Division.

The Tax Division of the Administrative Services Department is responsible for the collection and administration of the City's 1% earnings tax and the hotel/motel tax. In addition, the Tax Division offers direct tax assistance services to all residents and businesses.

The Finance Division of the Administrative Services Department is responsible for all areas of financial administration, including revenue recording, investments, debt service management, expenditure tracking, financial records administration, budgeting, financial reporting and payroll administration.

The Safety Department is comprised of three divisions: The Police Division, the Fire Division and the Building Division.

The Police Division of the Safety Department has thirty-seven sworn officers supplemented by seventeen trained auxiliary officers. In addition to basic police services, examples of special programs include Neighborhood Watch, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), Helping Hands Program, Operation Child ID, Lifesaver Emergency Alert Program and participation in the Drug Abuse Reduction Task Force (DART).

The Fire Division is comprised of twenty-four full-time firefighter/EMT/paramedics, supplemented by several part-time positions. All fire services are provided free of charge. In addition to the basic fire, emergency medical, and rescue services, examples of special programs include cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid training, free smoke detectors for all residences, half-price carbon monoxide detectors, fire safety checks, the review of sprinkler and alarm plans for new buildings and renovations, the investigation of environmental complaints or concerns, and special life safety training for children through the Children's Fire Safety House Program. The Fire Division's state of the art equipment and well-trained personnel have earned Blue Ash a Class IV fire insurance rating.

The Building Division provides the following services: building inspection, issuance of building permits, building/zoning code enforcement and information, new construction and remodeling plan review and work with the City's Planning Commission and Board of Site Arrangement. In addition the Division coordinates neighborhood improvement programs including the annual Blue Ash Beautification week.

The Service Department is responsible for the functions of street and storm sewer maintenance, snow removal, traffic signal operation, leaf pick-up and overseeing of the refuse collection and recycling contracts. The services offered by the Service Department are free of charge, including privatized refuse collection for all residences and most businesses and residential curbside recycling.

The Blue Ash Parks and Recreation Department provides numerous park and recreational facilities which are handicap-accessible. The Recreation Center features an olympic-sized outdoor swimming pool, a 140 foot dual tube water slide, a whale-shaped wading pool with aquatic play structure, two gymnasiums, large fitness room, lockers and showers. The Recreation Center is open year-round and, in addition to the swimming facilities and various special events, offers a variety of informal classes for adults and children, such as aerobics, dancing, art, swimming lessons and karate. The Recreation Center Park features six picnic shelters, playground areas and an outdoor amphitheater, which is the site for numerous concerts, movies, and other special events throughout the summer. Located adjacent to the Recreation Center is the City's tennis complex, with eight lighted tennis courts.

The Hazelwood Community Center and adjacent Oakwood Park are located within the Hazelwood neighborhood in the northern part of the City. Free activities offered at the Center include various classes, a study room, ping pong, cable television, video games, and board games for all ages; the park features a playground area, picnic facilities, and basketball court. The Center is also available for public use and is used throughout the summer months.

The Blue Ash Sports Center was opened in 1987. The 37 acre site features 10 baseball and 6 soccer fields, over half of which are lighted. The Veterans Memorial Park is located in downtown Blue Ash adjacent to Towne Square. An eighteen-hole championship golf course is open year round, weather permitting.

The Parks/Grounds Maintenance Divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance of public grounds located throughout the City, including the golf course, sports center, municipal and safety center, recreation center, public building grounds, and other City owned parks and right of way areas.

## **ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK**

### **Local Economy**

Blue Ash has enjoyed a very strong economy throughout 2000, reflecting prosperity within existing Blue Ash businesses, as well as an overall increase in the number of businesses.

Blue Ash is considered a major economic force in the greater Cincinnati region, second only to downtown Cincinnati in employment opportunities. Blue Ash's estimated daytime population is 75,000, representing the workforce for approximately 2,281 businesses and organizations. Blue Ash clearly has a reputation as a "prestigious business address" which can also be seen in its favorable occupancy rate in its major office parks which continue to compare favorably to greater Cincinnati as well as to overall national occupancy statistics.

Blue Ash's economic development success continues to be a major factor in promoting the interests of the Sycamore and Princeton School Districts, highlighting the City's policy to not offer any type of tax abatement. The Blue Ash Council and Administration believe that in the long run, this position will contribute towards a better community, a stronger school district, and a sound relationship with its corporate citizens.

## **Business**

Blue Ash is fortunate to have local and national business leaders as a part of its corporate citizenry including nationally and internationally recognized companies such as Procter & Gamble, Johnson & Johnson's Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Sears, Lighting Systems, Inc., Time Warner and Fidelity Investments. In addition, several of Blue Ash's larger employers have corporate headquarters in Blue Ash, such as Ethicon Endo-Surgery and Lighting Systems, Inc. Blue Ash's largest employer is Procter & Gamble, which, in addition to its Sharon Woods Technical Center, continues to operate several offices and building sites throughout Blue Ash. Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Blue Ash's second largest employer, also has multiple Blue Ash offices.

Nationally prominent and financially sound companies enhance the local economy because they provide opportunities to other businesses which offer products and services integral to the products and services provided by the larger firms. As well, the larger companies provide a substantially greater base of consumers (especially during the daytime) who spend their retail and service dollars in Blue Ash. Blue Ash's citizens benefit from the improved local economy via the increased tax base. The earnings tax rate of 1% is as low as, and in most cases lower than, earnings tax rates of other incorporated areas in the greater Cincinnati region; and yet this rate provides adequate funding to support the City's high levels of service.

In 2000, the interest in hotel/motel development in Blue Ash continued. Currently, there are fifteen hotels and motels operating within Blue Ash, providing approximately 1,725 rooms. Most of these new hotels are of the extended-stay style which targets business customers and travelers (as opposed to pleasure travelers). The lodging industry recognizes the significant business population in Blue Ash and is quickly adapting to meet this growing and established market's lodging needs.

Planning, by the Administration, continued during 2000 to assure another successful economic development year in 2000. Even though few vacant tracts of land remain available for development, the trend of redevelopment continues throughout the City. The year 2000 included the planning of several major business reconstruction projects, allowing currently underutilized industrial and office sites to reach their optimum. This, of course, also benefits the Sycamore School District that gains revenue as a result of increased property values. It is estimated that upwards to \$400 million in new business construction will occur in Blue Ash between 2000 and 2004.

## **MAJOR INITIATIVES**

### **Capital Improvements**

- City's major road improvement projects:
  1. Construction began on the street improvement project relating to Kenwood Road from the north end of Blue Ash's downtown to Cornell Road (with improvements also planned for Pfeiffer/Glendale-Milford and Creek Roads). Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2001.
  2. Construction continued on Osborne Boulevard throughout 2000 - a major east-west roadway connecting Kenwood and Reed Hartman Highway north of Creek Road.
- Completion of the new Pfeiffer Woods Park near the southwest corner of Pfeiffer and Kenwood Roads.



- As a part of the City's Towne Square renovation, the Blue Ash Millennium American Heritage Bell Tower was dedicated on May 26, 2000. The main feature of this bell tower is the black granite panels that provide historical information and etching of several great Americans of the past.
- Major renovation began at the Blue Ash Golf Course. It included the reconstruction of four greens, as well as sand and bunker improvements throughout the course.
- Blue Ash Administration continued working with Sycamore Community School District officials in 2000 when the decision was made to construct a new elementary school. This new school will be located within Blue Ash, on the campus of Raymond Walters College.
- The City worked with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and benefiting residents on the connection of any remaining Blue Ash homes to the public sanitary sewer system. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2001.

### **For The Future**

- Construction continued, by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), on major road improvements to Ronald Reagan/Cross County Highway from I-71 to Galbraith Road. To coincide with the completion of this project, the City plans extensive landscaping at the highway's two interchanges in Blue Ash.
- Planning continues for the construction of a new firestation and service garage facility.
- I-275/Reed Hartman improvements - In 2000, Blue Ash continued work with the neighboring City of Sharonville to provide engineering and required local funding to match State/Federal funding for a major reconstruction of the I-275/Reed Hartman Highway interchange.
- To accommodate the new Blue Ash Elementary School, the City is planning to make substantial improvements to Plainfield Road, including signalization of the Cooper/Plainfield Roads intersection.
- Light rail study - the City continued its participation in the I-71 corridor study to determine future transportation needs of the northeast corridor, with a proposed light rail line to run through Blue Ash.

## **DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT - SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

The Service Department is responsible for the functions of street and storm sewer maintenance; snow removal; traffic signal operation; leaf pickup (spring and fall); demolition services; overseeing of major road improvement contracts and routine repaving/resurfacing projects; support for the City's special events; and overseeing of the brush pickup, refuse collection, and recycling contract. The Department's main facilities, equipment, and personnel are based at 10647 Kenwood Road. The following offers a summary of the major projects and successes of the Department in 2000:

### **Osborne Boulevard Project**

In 2000 construction began on the new connector road, Osborne Boulevard. Osborne Boulevard connects Reed Hartman Highway and Kenwood Road north of Creek Road. Osborne was constructed in conjunction with the development of a 40+ acre new office park to be located to the south. Development of an office park totaling 650,000 square feet of building space is expected. Construction of the first building is anticipated to begin in late 2001.

### **Kenwood Road Improvement Project**

Construction also began on the City's major road improvement project: Kenwood Road. Improvements on Kenwood range from the northern portion of downtown to Kenwood's terminus at Cornell Road. Kenwood Road between downtown and Pfeiffer will consist of three lanes, between Pfeiffer and Creek will consist of four lanes with a landscaped median, between Creek and Osborne Boulevard will consist of five lanes, and between Osborne and Cornell will consist of four lanes. An eight-foot wide concrete bikeway/sidewalk will be installed on the east side of Kenwood from downtown to Cornell Road. The road project will also include the addition of an eastbound lane on Pfeiffer/Glendale-Milford Roads between Reed Hartman Highway and I-71 as well as major intersection and traffic signal improvements at Kenwood's intersection with Glendale-Milford/Pfeiffer, Creek, and Osborne Boulevard. A new park is also planned for the west side of Kenwood Road between Pfeiffer and Creek to be themed around the historic Highland Grove amusement park that was located in this area in the late 1800s/early 1900s. The Kenwood Road improvements will continue throughout 2001 and are slated to be complete by late 2001, with the new Highland Grove Park to be completed by the following summer.

### **New Service Garage Facilities**

For the past several years, the City has been working towards enlarging and/or replacing the City's existing Service garage facilities located on Kenwood Road. These facilities, which also house the north fire station, were built in the late 1960s. Throughout 2000, several alternatives for replacement of these facilities were contemplated by City officials. Possibilities included searching for a new location for either the firestation or Service garage (with one of the facilities remaining at the Kenwood Road site with major reconstruction and/or improvements) or building a new Service garage and north firestation at

the existing site. As of the end of 2000, the City Administration was in the process of reviewing these alternatives.

### **Waste Contract**

The largest contractual obligation of the City is the solid waste collection and disposal services, through Rumpke, for residents and businesses. This contract also provides the curbside and drop-off recycling services. To better serve our citizens, the new waste collection specifications (and subsequent final contract) has several enhancements of benefit to Blue Ash residents, and a summary of those contractual improvements is below:

- Residents are no longer required to use a biodegradable bag or yard waste sticker when disposing of grass clippings, bagged leaves, and other yard waste. This enhancement to the contract saves our residents the previous expense associated with purchasing the yard waste stickers and special biodegradable bags.
- Residents who need to temporarily utilize a large dumpster will be able to arrange for that dumpster through Rumpke at the same cost which would be charged to the City.
- Effective with the new contract, residential and business waste collection will be allowed only between 7AM and 7PM.
- There is now a more liberal policy regarding pickup of large items and brush. For example, large bulky items (such as furniture, carpeting, etc.) can now be placed out for collection on the regular pickup day with no extra charge or need to call ahead of time.
- Empty aerosol cans, boxboard items (such as cereal/juice boxes, laundry detergent boxes, etc.), and cardboard (broken down and tied in bundles) can now be placed in recycling bin for pickup.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Given the extensive road work occurring throughout Blue Ash in 2000 and coming months, concentrated effort was expended in 2000 to keep the public informed. In addition to the City's website, giving weekly updates of road projects, a telephone "hotline" was established whereby the public could call to learn up-to-the minute information. Also, beginning in late 2000, Blue Ash began utilization of Time Warner Cable channel 8 as a local government information channel to improve communication about the Kenwood (and other) road projects occurring in Blue Ash. Throughout the day, citizens with cable access are able to find out more information about their city, especially related to traffic safety and traffic management issues. The purpose of the telecast is to assist residents in staying informed about roadway conditions and projects, as well as to eventually provide information about items of local interest and special events.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **Accounting Controls**

The City's budgetary accounting system was designed to provide reasonable assurance that:

1. The City's assets are protected against loss and unauthorized use or disposition;  
and
2. Reliable financial reports for preparing financial statements and providing accountability for assets are maintained.

The concept of reasonable assurance states that internal controls should be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. The expense associated with providing the internal controls should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived from their implementation; and
2. The evaluation of the offsetting costs and benefits involves estimates and judgment by the City Administration and members of the finance office.

All internal control evaluations occur within this framework. It is the belief of the administrative and financial management personnel that the City's financial controls adequately safeguard existing assets and provide reasonable assurance of the proper recording of financial transactions.

### **Budgetary Control**

Budgetary control is maintained within the personal services, operating expense, contractual services, and capital outlay categories within each department through the encumbering of estimated purchase amounts prior to the release of formal purchase orders to vendors. Purchase order requisitions which would result in an overrun above appropriated balances are not approved until additional appropriations are made available via amendments to the annual appropriations ordinance. Open encumbrances as of December 31, 2000 are reported as reservations of fund balances within this report.

### **Fund Categories and Types**

The City of Blue Ash has classified its funds into three categories. These categories include governmental funds, proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds. The funds within each category are described as follows:

Governmental Funds--Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The acquisition, use and balance of the City's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities (except those accounted for in the proprietary fund) are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is based upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position. The following are the City's governmental fund types:

General Fund--This fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all revenues and expenditures which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds--These funds account for revenues from specifically earmarked sources. The uses and limitations of each fund are specified by city ordinances or federal and state statutes.

Debt Service Funds--These funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general obligation and special assessment long-term principal and interest.

Capital Projects Funds--These funds are used to account for financial resources used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

Proprietary Funds--Proprietary funds are used to account for the City's ongoing organizations and activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. The measurement focus is based upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. The following is the City's proprietary fund type:

Enterprise Fund--This fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The City utilizes one enterprise fund to account for the operation of the Blue Ash golf course and clubhouse restaurant.

#### Fiduciary Funds

Agency Funds--These funds are used to account for assets held by the City as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

In addition to the above funds, the City also maintains two account groups:

General Fixed Asset Account Group--This account group is used to account for all fixed assets other than those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group--This account group is used to account for all long-term debt obligations that are not a specific liability of the proprietary fund.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Revenues

Revenues for general governmental functions (including all governmental fund types except capital projects funds) totaled \$28,247,266, representing an increase of \$2,052,578 (7.8%) from 1999. The increase in Taxes is due to an overall increase in the profitability of Blue Ash businesses. In 2000 the City's federal program changed its fiscal year to coincide with a calendar year. This change effected the timing of the federal advanced funding which is usually received prior to year end but was not in 2000. This, along with a decrease in inheritance tax collected in 2000, is the reason for the decrease in Intergovernmental Revenues. A large amount of reimbursements during 1999 for water and sewer improvements performed by the City, in conjunction with the Kenwood Road project, caused the decrease in Charges for Services. Interest earnings increased due to more favorable returns on City investments. All Other Revenue decreased due to the reduction in contributions received within the Recreation Department. The following schedule presents a summary of general governmental revenues for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000.

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>2000 Total</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>1999 Total</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) over 1999</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>
1. Taxes	\$23,301,869	82.49%	\$20,873,226	\$2,428,643	11.64%
2. Intergovernmental Revenues	2,747,822	9.73%	3,174,907	(427,085)	(13.45%)
3. Charges for Services	924,905	3.27%	1,047,157	(122,252)	(11.67%)
4. Licenses and Permits	226,880	0.80%	236,468	(9,588)	(4.05%)
5. Investment Earnings	705,262	2.50%	502,374	202,888	40.39%
6. Fines and Forfeitures	327,410	1.16%	324,694	2,716	0.84%
7. All Other Revenues	13,118	0.05%	35,862	(22,744)	(63.42%)
Total	<u>\$28,247,266</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$26,194,688</u>	<u>\$2,052,578</u>	

### Expenditures

Expenditures for general governmental purposes, excluding capital projects funds totaled \$24,337,430 in 2000, a decrease of \$4,644,227 from 1999 totals. The increase in Community Development was due to the City's increased support to urban revitalization projects in 2000. The decrease in Basic Utility Services is due to the high level of costs in 1999 relating to storm sewer construction on Cooper Road and the Kenridge Lake Dam repair project. In 1999, land acquisitions relating to road projects along with the construction costs of those road projects, were the reasons for the decrease in Transportation costs from 1999 to 2000. The decrease in General Government expenditures is also related to 1999 land acquisitions for road projects. The last debt payment relating to the State Route 126 debt issue was made in 1999, therefore explaining the decrease in Debt Service. The following schedule presents a summary of general governmental expenditures for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000.

<u>Function</u>	<u>2000 Total</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>1999 Total</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) over 1999</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>
1. Security of Persons and Property	\$7,737,772	31.79%	\$7,192,329	\$545,443	7.58%
2. Leisure Time Activities	3,772,561	15.50%	4,152,781	(380,220)	(9.16%)
3. Community Development	757,186	3.11%	628,447	128,739	20.49%
4. Basic Utility Services	3,000,095	12.33%	3,833,087	(832,992)	(21.73%)
5. Transportation	4,128,592	16.96%	5,715,500	(1,586,908)	(27.76%)
6. General Government	3,380,758	13.89%	5,154,243	(1,773,485)	(34.41%)
7. Debt Service	1,560,466	6.42%	2,305,270	(744,804)	(32.31%)
Total	<u>\$24,337,430</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$28,981,657</u>	<u>(\$4,644,227)</u>	

## Proprietary Operations

The City operates the golf course fund as an enterprise fund. The following is a 2000 and 1999 comparison of revenues and expenses for the golf course.

Function	2000 Total	1999 Total	Increase (Decrease) over 1999
Operating Revenues	\$1,116,676	\$1,196,962	(\$80,286)
Operating Expenses	<u>1,118,903</u>	<u>1,080,518</u>	<u>38,385</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(2,227)	116,444	(118,671)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(37,102)	14,226	(51,328)
Operating Transfers In	<u>365,882</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>365,882</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$326,553</u>	<u>\$130,670</u>	<u>\$195,883</u>

## Fiduciary Operations

In 2000 the Mayor's Court Fund collected \$315,533 in fines, costs and forfeitures.

The City collected \$3,723 in assessments for the Ohio Board of Building Standards Assessment Fund and remitted \$4,447 prior to fiscal year end leaving a balance due to the State of Ohio of \$103.

## Risk Management

In May of 1992, as a result of a public bid and a thorough review of all proposals, the administration recommended to Council that the City join a local joint self-insurance pool in lieu of reliance upon conventional insurance. Effective July 1, 1992, the City of Blue Ash became the eleventh member of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association, Inc. (MVRMA), headquartered in Kettering, Ohio.

MVRMA's overall loss experience has been excellent since its inception in 1988 and Blue Ash's loss experience for 2000 was also favorable. The decision to join MVRMA has resulted in significant savings for the City and the City expects future contributions to remain considerably lower than the cost of traditional insurance.

## Debt Administration

The City's General Obligation bonds have been rated "Aa2" by Moody's Investor's Service. Annual debt charges on all general obligation debt issued by the City are covenanted to be appropriated annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes. Therefore, the City has no debt within the 5-1/2% unvoted debt limitation or the 10-1/2% overall debt limitation. The total bonded debt of the City at December 31, 2000, was \$14,180,000 consisting of general obligation bonds for which annual debt charges are covenanted to be appropriated annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes.

## Cash Management

The investment program for interim funds of the City of Blue Ash conforms to the requirements of Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code (The Uniform Depository Act). Although Blue Ash as a Charter City could establish its own investment policies, management has determined that the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code provide a safe, conservative framework for investment of the City's funds.

The primary objectives of the City's investment program, in order of priority, are as follows:

1. Safety – The safety of principal balances is the City's foremost objective and all investments are undertaken in a manner to insure the preservation of capital.
2. Liquidity – All investments should be sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that can be reasonably anticipated. Since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the investment portfolio should consist of securities with active resale markets, and with no measure of possible erosion in response to interest rate shifts.
3. Yield – Return on investment is of least importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. Investments are limited to low risk securities with the expectation of earning a fair return relative to the risk assumed.

Section 9.11 of the City Charter establishes an Investment Board consisting of the Treasurer, the City Manager and two members of City Council chosen by a majority vote of all members of Council, each to serve for a term expiring on the date of the expiration of his/her Council term. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are charged with the responsibility for the operation of the City's investment program and are required to report to the Investment Board on a regular basis. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are directed to refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the execution and management of the investment program or impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

All eligible financial institutions must meet the requirements of the Uniform Depository Act which requires the financial institution to maintain a full service facility located in the City of Blue Ash and to have a current Agreement for Deposit of Interim Funds with the City.

Authorized investments are described in detail in Note 3 of the footnotes to the general purpose financial statements included within the financial section of this comprehensive annual financial report. The City currently has investments held at STAR Ohio and all other excess collected balances, not needed to cover daily check clearings, are transferred into a repurchase investment account at Firststar Bank, N. A., Cincinnati, Ohio. Over the past twelve months, the City's investment yield has averaged 5.10% resulting in a total of \$1,011,246 in interest earnings.

The City's cash resources were invested as follows at December 31, 2000:

Cash	(\$1,108,419)	-5.43%
Repurchase Agreement	7,671,230	37.60%
STAR Ohio	13,838,066	67.83%
	<u>\$20,400,877</u>	<u>100.00%</u>



## INDEPENDENT AUDIT

The general purpose financial statements of the City of Blue Ash were audited by Auditor of the State of Ohio. The independent auditor's unqualified opinion has been included in this report.

## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Blue Ash, Ohio for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government finance reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.


A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Blue Ash has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last thirteen consecutive years (fiscal years ended 1987-1999). We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

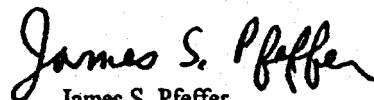
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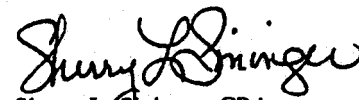
Sincere appreciation is extended to the many individuals who have worked diligently and contributed much time and effort in gathering data for this report, particularly the staff of Donald J. Schonhardt & Associates, Inc. who helped this project become a reality.

Finally, special thanks to the members of City Council and the City Administration whose support is necessary for the City of Blue Ash to conform to reporting requirements established for municipal governments and to maintain the sound financial position that the City has enjoyed for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marvin D. Thompson  
City Manager

  
James S. Pfeffer  
Treasurer/Administrative  
Services Director

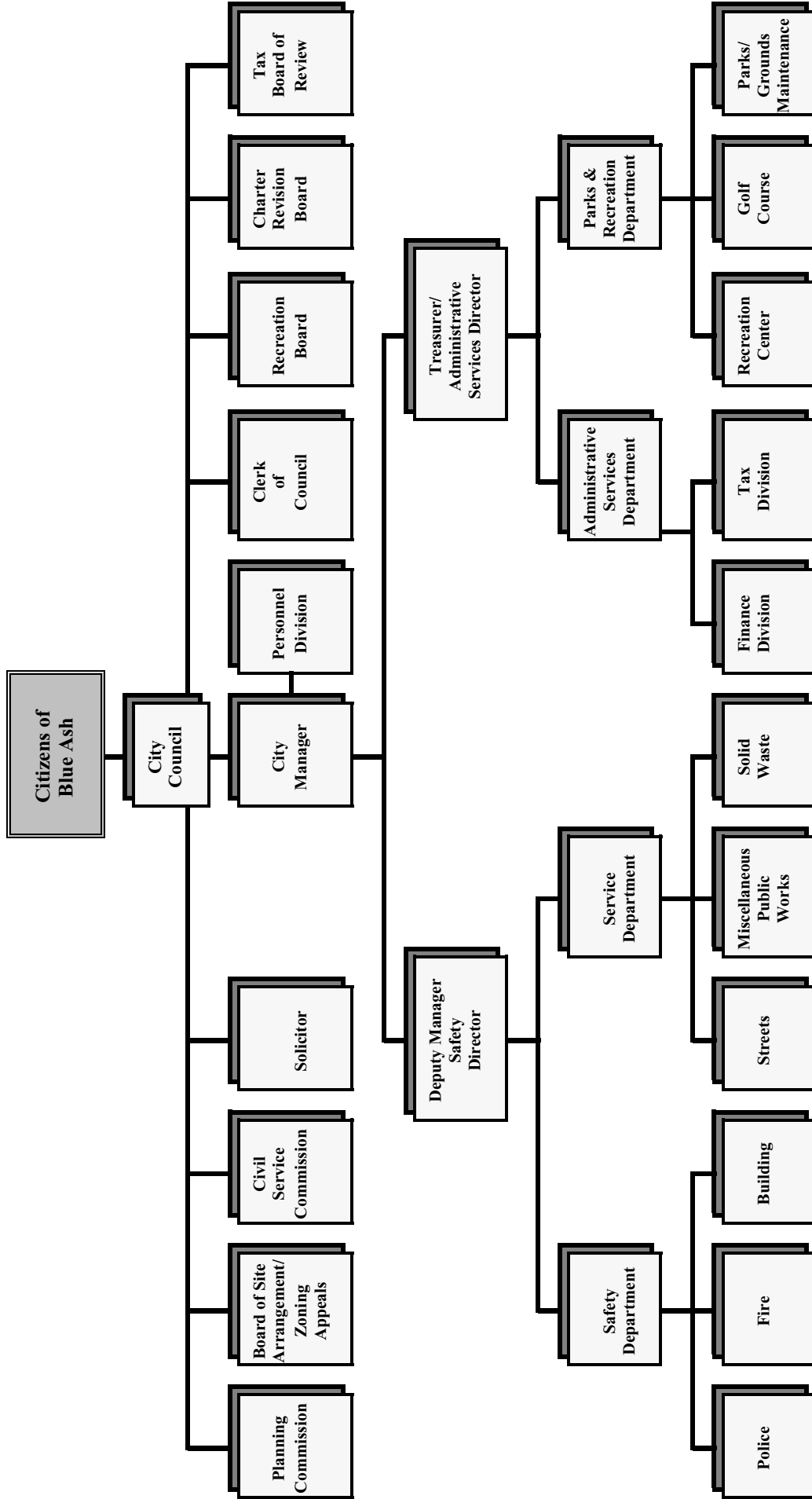
  
Sherry L. Sninger, CPA  
Finance Officer/  
Deputy Treasurer

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<b>OFFICE HELD</b>	<b>NAME OF OFFICIAL</b>
Administration:	
City Manager	Marvin D. Thompson
Deputy Manager/Safety Director	Bruce E. Henry
Treasurer/Administrative Services Director	James S. Pfeffer
Parks and Recreation Director	Charles D. Funk
Service Director	Dennis E. Albrinck
Tax and Finance:	
Tax Officer	Sharry K. Long
Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer	Sherry L. Sininger
Personnel:	
Personnel Officer	Julia E. Prickett
Public Safety:	
Community Development Director	Lois Ellison
Fire Chief	James Fehr
Police Chief	Michael Allen
Parks and Recreation:	
Golf Superintendent	Daniel Walter
Parks and Grounds Superintendent	Daniel Weber
Golf Pro	William F. Mayer
Service:	
Service Supervisor	Dennis Cunningham
Service Coordinator	Michael Melampy
City Council:	
Mayor, Ward 1	James W. Sumner
Vice Mayor, Ward 3	Rick Bryan
Ward 2	Stephanie Stoller
Ward 4	Robert Buckman, Jr.
Ward 5	Don R. Biedermann
At Large	Raymond L. MacNab
At Large	Walter L. Reuszer
Solicitor	Mark A. Vander Laan
Clerk of Council	Mary E. Malone

# The City of Blue Ash, Ohio

## Organizational Chart



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*Anne Spray Kinney*  
President

*Jeffrey L. Esser*  
Executive Director



## *FINANCIAL SECTION*

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

City of Blue Ash  
Hamilton County  
4343 Cooper Road  
Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Blue Ash's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2001 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, 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 performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the City, taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not audit the data included in the introductory and statistical sections of this report and therefore express no opinion thereon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Petro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

June 22, 2001



## *GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

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*THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ALONG WITH THE NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AT DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND THE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND CASH FLOWS OF ITS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED.*





**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<i>Governmental</i>			
	<i>Fund Types</i>			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds
Assets and Other Debits:				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$9,413,034	\$1,435,036	\$69,692	\$9,416,753
Receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts):				
Taxes	5,208,377	0	78,945	0
Accounts	614,789	0	0	0
Special Assessments	0	0	5,190	0
Interest	51,044	4,405	324	46,478
Due from Other Funds	917	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Receivables	234,518	13,212	0	57,942
Inventory of Supplies at Cost	20,048	47,339	0	0
Prepaid Items	26,278	14,412	0	0
Restricted Assets:				
Cash with Fiscal Agent	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	0	0	0	0
Construction in Progress	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Debits:</b>				
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds	0	0	0	0
Amount to be Provided for General Long-Term Obligations	0	0	0	0
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$15,569,005</u>	<u>\$1,514,404</u>	<u>\$154,151</u>	<u>\$9,521,173</u>
Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits:				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$338,228	\$121,514	\$0	\$351,191
Accrued Wages and Benefits	485,490	95,460	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	917	0	0
Intergovernmental Payables	23,500	2,853	0	0
Due to Others	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	2,770,349	0	83,583	0
Compensated Absences Payable	2,463	3,559	0	0
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	<u>3,620,030</u>	<u>224,303</u>	<u>83,583</u>	<u>351,191</u>
<b>Equity and Other Credits:</b>				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0		0	0
Contributed Capital	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings:				
Unreserved	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,193,272	970,669	0	3,380,521
Reserved for Supplies Inventory	20,048	47,339	0	0
Reserved for Prepaid Items	26,278	14,412	0	0
Reserved for Debt Service	0	0	70,568	0
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	10,709,377	257,681	0	5,789,461
Total Equity and Other Credits	<u>11,948,975</u>	<u>1,290,101</u>	<u>70,568</u>	<u>9,169,982</u>
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$15,569,005</u>	<u>\$1,514,404</u>	<u>\$154,151</u>	<u>\$9,521,173</u>

The notes to the general purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<i>Proprietary Fund Type</i>	<i>Fiduciary Fund Type</i>	<i>Account Groups</i>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
Enterprise Fund	Agency Funds	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
\$63,096	\$2,302	\$0	\$0	\$20,399,913
0	0	0	0	5,287,322
7	0	0	0	614,796
0	0	0	0	5,190
302	0	0	0	102,553
0	0	0	0	917
916	0	0	0	306,588
16,823	0	0	0	84,210
406	0	0	0	41,096
0	964	0	0	964
2,241,429	0	41,917,628	0	44,159,057
555,406	0	0	0	555,406
0	0	0	70,568	70,568
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,995,586</u>	<u>14,995,586</u>
<u>\$2,878,385</u>	<u>\$3,266</u>	<u>\$41,917,628</u>	<u>\$15,066,154</u>	<u>\$86,624,166</u>
\$10,276	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$821,209
20,959	0	0	0	601,909
0	0	0	0	917
161	103	0	0	26,617
0	3,163	0	0	3,163
0	0	0	0	2,853,932
54,207	0	0	886,154	946,383
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,180,000</u>	<u>14,180,000</u>
<u>85,603</u>	<u>3,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,066,154</u>	<u>19,434,130</u>
0	0	41,917,628	0	41,917,628
2,520,235	0	0	0	2,520,235
272,547	0	0	0	272,547
0	0	0	0	5,544,462
0	0	0	0	67,387
0	0	0	0	40,690
0	0	0	0	70,568
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,756,519</u>
<u>2,792,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,917,628</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>67,190,036</u>
<u>\$2,878,385</u>	<u>\$3,266</u>	<u>\$41,917,628</u>	<u>\$15,066,154</u>	<u>\$86,624,166</u>



**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES,**  
**EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$2,069,595	\$0	\$76,651	\$0	\$2,146,246
Municipal Income Taxes	20,436,849	0	0	0	20,436,849
Other Local Taxes	718,774	0	0	0	718,774
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,689,669	1,050,966	7,187	1,487,328	4,235,150
Charges for Services	223,572	701,333	0	0	924,905
Licenses and Permits	226,380	500	0	2,300	229,180
Investment Earnings	590,865	38,814	75,583	296,410	1,001,672
Fines and Forfeitures	232,771	94,639	0	0	327,410
All Other Revenues	8,814	3,621	683	884	14,002
Total Revenues	<u>26,197,289</u>	<u>1,889,873</u>	<u>160,104</u>	<u>1,786,922</u>	<u>30,034,188</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
Security of Persons and Property	7,018,777	718,995	0	0	7,737,772
Leisure Time Activities	0	3,772,561	0	0	3,772,561
Community Development	757,186	0	0	0	757,186
Basic Utility Services	3,000,095	0	0	0	3,000,095
Transportation	0	4,128,592	0	0	4,128,592
General Government	3,380,758	0	0	0	3,380,758
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	3,003,039	3,003,039
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
Principal Retirement	0	0	1,350,000	0	1,350,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	210,466	192,294	402,760
Total Expenditures	<u>14,156,816</u>	<u>8,620,148</u>	<u>1,560,466</u>	<u>3,195,333</u>	<u>27,532,763</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	12,040,473	(6,730,275)	(1,400,362)	(1,408,411)	2,501,425
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	19,787	0	0	0	19,787
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	0	0	5,500,000	6,180,000	11,680,000
Operating Transfers In	0	6,475,347	856,985	5,827,594	13,159,926
Operating Transfers Out	(7,698,214)	0	(5,827,594)	0	(13,525,808)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(7,678,427)</u>	<u>6,475,347</u>	<u>529,391</u>	<u>12,007,594</u>	<u>11,333,905</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	4,362,046	(254,928)	(870,971)	10,599,183	13,835,330
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	7,585,801	1,559,792	941,539	(1,429,201)	8,657,931
Increase (Decrease) in Inventory Reserve	1,128	(14,763)	0	0	(13,635)
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$11,948,975</u>	<u>\$1,290,101</u>	<u>\$70,568</u>	<u>\$9,169,982</u>	<u>\$22,479,626</u>

The notes to the general purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>General Fund</u>			<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$2,016,800	\$2,054,694	\$37,894	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Income Taxes	18,039,800	20,217,733	2,177,933	0	0	0
Other Local Taxes	720,000	744,793	24,793	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,672,310	1,708,111	35,801	1,040,285	1,051,550	11,265
Charges for Services	185,446	223,463	38,017	733,730	701,333	(32,397)
Licenses and Permits	233,900	225,329	(8,571)	350	500	150
Investment Earnings	435,000	569,744	134,744	14,389	39,242	24,853
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeitures	156,800	232,771	75,971	68,500	94,814	26,314
All Other Revenues	10,800	9,168	(1,632)	11,750	4,107	(7,643)
Total Revenues	<u>23,470,856</u>	<u>25,985,806</u>	<u>2,514,950</u>	<u>1,869,004</u>	<u>1,891,546</u>	<u>22,542</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
<b>Current:</b>						
Security of Persons and Property	7,703,848	7,207,514	496,334	816,670	724,202	92,468
Leisure Time Activities	0	0	0	6,077,447	3,839,060	2,238,387
Community Development	808,034	771,690	36,344	0	0	0
Basic Utility Services	3,993,659	3,141,420	852,239	0	0	0
Transportation	0	0	0	6,269,757	5,387,227	882,530
General Government	5,708,935	4,437,031	1,271,904	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Principal Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>18,214,476</u>	<u>15,557,655</u>	<u>2,656,821</u>	<u>13,163,874</u>	<u>9,950,489</u>	<u>3,213,385</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	5,256,380	10,428,151	5,171,771	(11,294,870)	(8,058,943)	3,235,927
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	870,000	19,787	(850,213)	0	0	0
Proceeds from General Obligation Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	9,705,270	6,475,347	(3,229,923)
Operating Transfers Out	(11,185,236)	(7,698,214)	3,487,022	0	0	0
Advances In	575,000	335,000	(240,000)	175,000	50,000	(125,000)
Advances Out	(575,000)	(335,000)	240,000	(175,000)	(50,000)	125,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(10,315,236)</u>	<u>(7,678,427)</u>	<u>2,636,809</u>	<u>9,705,270</u>	<u>6,475,347</u>	<u>(3,229,923)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(5,058,856)	2,749,724	7,808,580	(1,589,600)	(1,583,596)	6,004
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	4,712,747	4,712,747	0	391,013	391,013	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	410,442	410,442	0	1,547,186	1,547,186	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$64,333</u>	<u>\$7,872,913</u>	<u>\$7,808,580</u>	<u>\$348,599</u>	<u>\$354,603</u>	<u>\$6,004</u>

The notes to the general purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<i>Debt Service Funds</i>			<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>			<i>Totals (Memorandum Only)</i>		
Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$70,344	\$76,099	\$5,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,087,144	\$2,130,793	\$43,649
0	0	0	0	0	0	18,039,800	20,217,733	2,177,933
0	0	0	0	0	0	720,000	744,793	24,793
6,749	7,187	438	1,429,386	1,429,386	0	4,148,730	4,196,234	47,504
0	0	0	0	0	0	919,176	924,796	5,620
0	0	0	500	2,300	1,800	234,750	228,129	(6,621)
75,020	77,458	2,438	202,993	268,772	65,779	727,402	955,216	227,814
50	0	(50)	0	0	0	50	0	(50)
0	0	0	0	0	0	225,300	327,585	102,285
683	683	0	884	884	0	24,117	14,842	(9,275)
152,846	161,427	8,581	1,633,763	1,701,342	67,579	27,126,469	29,740,121	2,613,652
0	0	0	0	0	0	8,520,518	7,931,716	588,802
0	0	0	0	0	0	6,077,447	3,839,060	2,238,387
0	0	0	0	0	0	808,034	771,690	36,344
0	0	0	0	0	0	3,993,659	3,141,420	852,239
0	0	0	0	0	0	6,269,757	5,387,227	882,530
0	0	0	0	0	0	5,708,935	4,437,031	1,271,904
0	0	0	7,806,350	6,396,459	1,409,891	7,806,350	6,396,459	1,409,891
12,350,000	12,350,000	0	0	0	0	12,350,000	12,350,000	0
649,878	538,060	111,818	0	0	0	649,878	538,060	111,818
12,999,878	12,888,060	111,818	7,806,350	6,396,459	1,409,891	52,184,578	44,792,663	7,391,915
(12,847,032)	(12,726,633)	120,399	(6,172,587)	(4,695,117)	1,477,470	(25,058,109)	(15,052,542)	10,005,567
0	0	0	0	0	0	870,000	19,787	(850,213)
5,500,000	5,500,000	0	0	0	0	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
5,500,000	5,500,000	0	6,180,000	6,180,000	0	11,680,000	11,680,000	0
958,574	856,985	(101,589)	0	0	0	10,663,844	7,332,332	(3,331,512)
0	0	0	0	0	0	(11,185,236)	(7,698,214)	3,487,022
0	0	0	0	0	0	750,000	385,000	(365,000)
0	0	0	0	0	0	(750,000)	(385,000)	365,000
11,958,574	11,856,985	(101,589)	6,180,000	6,180,000	0	17,528,608	16,833,905	(694,703)
(888,458)	(869,648)	18,810	7,413	1,484,883	1,477,470	(7,529,501)	1,781,363	9,310,864
939,340	939,340	0	3,886,900	3,886,900	0	9,930,000	9,930,000	0
0	0	0	314,089	314,089	0	2,271,717	2,271,717	0
\$50,882	\$69,692	\$18,810	\$4,208,402	\$5,685,872	\$1,477,470	\$4,672,216	\$13,983,080	\$9,310,864

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT/RETAINED EARNINGS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

*Enterprise Fund*

<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Charges for Services	\$1,111,131
Other Operating Revenues	5,545
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Total Operating Revenues	1,116,676
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Personal Services	596,948
Contractual Services	126,130
Materials and Supplies	221,991
Depreciation	173,834
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Total Operating Expenses	1,118,903
Operating Loss	(2,227)
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</u>	
Investment Earnings	9,574
Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	750
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(48,541)
Other Nonoperating Revenue	19,059
Other Nonoperating (Expense)	(17,944)
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Total Nonoperating Revenues	(37,102)
Loss Before Operating Transfers	(39,329)
<u>Operating Transfers:</u>	
Operating Transfers In	365,882
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Total Operating Transfers	365,882
Net Income	326,553
Accumulated Deficit at Beginning of Year	(54,006)
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Retained Earnings at End of Year	<u>\$272,547</u>

The notes to the general purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**Enterprise Fund**

<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,111,162
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(369,362)
Cash Payments to Employees	(593,887)
Other Operating Cash Receipts	24,604
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>172,517</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>	
Transfers In from Other Funds	365,882
Advances In from Other Funds	285,000
Advances Out to Other Funds	(285,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>365,882</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u>	
Acquisition and Construction of Assets	(814,363)
Proceeds from the Sale of Fixed Assets	750
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(813,613)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>	
Receipts of Interest	10,914
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>10,914</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(264,300)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	327,396
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u><u>\$63,096</u></u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash</u>	
<u>Provided by Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Loss	(\$2,227)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	173,834
Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income	19,059
Miscellaneous Nonoperating Expense	(17,944)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	31
Increase in Intergovernmental Receivables	(639)
Increase in Inventory	(3,483)
Decrease in Prepaid Items	957
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(110)
Decrease in Accrued Wages and Benefits	(2,600)
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payable	(40)
Increase in Compensated Absences	5,679
Total Adjustments	<u>174,744</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$172,517</u></u>

Schedule of Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities:

As of December 31, 2000, the Golf Course Fund had an outstanding liability of \$2,677 for the purchase of certain capital assets.

The notes to the general purpose financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The City of Blue Ash, Ohio (the City) is a home-rule municipal corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio. The City operates under its own Charter. The current Charter, which provides for a Council/Manager form of government, was adopted in 1961 and has been amended five times (1967, 1976, 1980, 1988 and 1989).

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City present the financial position of the various fund types and account groups, the results of operations of the various fund types, and the cash flows of the proprietary fund. The financial statements are presented as of December 31, 2000 and for the year then ended and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles, which are primarily set forth in the GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification).

**A. Reporting Entity**

The accompanying general purpose financial statements comply with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*," in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities, functions and component units for which the City (the primary government) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of a legally separate organization's governing body and either (1) the City's ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the City.

Based on the foregoing, the City's financial reporting entity has no component units but includes all funds, account groups, agencies, boards and commissions that are part of the primary government, which includes the following services: police and fire protection, emergency medical response, parks and recreation, planning, zoning, street maintenance, refuse collection (on a contractual basis) and other governmental services. The City does serve as the fiscal agent for the Special County Arson Taskforce Unit (reported as an agency fund) for the purpose of receiving, allocating, and expending funds from federal, state, and local sources or from private contributions. The City has no administrative responsibility for the fund. In addition, the City owns and operates a golf course and associated restaurant which is reported as an enterprise fund.

**B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting**

The accounting system is organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures (expenses). The various funds are summarized by type in the general purpose financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the City:

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting** (Continued)

**Governmental Funds** - Those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the City's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities (except those accounted for in the proprietary fund) are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of "financial flow" (sources, uses and balances of financial resources). The following are the City's governmental fund types:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio, and the limitations of the City Charter.

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

Debt Service Funds - These funds are used for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general obligation and special assessment long-term debt principal and interest other than those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

Capital Projects Funds - These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by the proprietary fund).

***Proprietary Fund***

Enterprise Fund - This fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The enterprise fund is accounted for on an "economic resources" measurement focus. This measurement focus provides that all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e. net assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. The enterprise fund operating statements present increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net total assets. The City owns and operates a golf course and restaurant which are reported as an enterprise fund.

***Fiduciary Funds***

Agency Funds - These funds are used to account for assets held by a government unit as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting** (Continued)

*Account Groups*

To make a clear distinction between fixed assets related to specific funds and those of the general government, and between long-term liabilities related to specific funds and those of a general nature, the following account groups are used:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is established to account for fixed assets of the City, other than those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the City except those accounted for in the proprietary fund.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting represents the methodology utilized in the recognition of revenues and expenditures or expenses in the accounts and reported in the financial statements and relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which for the City is considered to be 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Revenue considered susceptible to accrual at year end includes income taxes withheld by employers, interest on investments, and state levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees, gasoline tax, and local government assistance). Other revenue, including licenses, permits, certain charges for services, income taxes other than those withheld by employers and miscellaneous revenue, is recorded as revenue when received in cash because it is generally not measurable until actually received.

Special assessment installments, including related accrued interest, which are measurable but not available at December 31 are recorded as deferred revenue. Property taxes measurable as of December 31, 2000 but which are not intended to finance 2000 operations and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, are recorded as deferred revenue as further described in Note 4.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary fund. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20, *"Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting,"* the City follows GASB guidance as applicable to proprietary funds and FASB Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989 that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

**D. Budgetary Process**

The annual budgetary process is prescribed by Charter and by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance are subject to amendment throughout the year.

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated; however, only governmental funds are required to be reported. The legal level of budgetary control is by fund at the major object level (personal services, materials and supplies, contractual services, capital outlay, and transfers) by department. Budgetary control is maintained by not permitting expenditures to exceed appropriations at the major object level for each department within each fund without the approval of City Council. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of more detailed line-item budgets. Budgetary modifications above the major object level by fund may only be made by ordinance of the City Council. During 2000, all appropriations were approved as required and all funds and departments completed the year within their legally authorized appropriations.

**1. Tax Budget**

By July 15, the City Manager submits an annual tax budget for the following fiscal year to City Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20th of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Budgetary Process** (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Budget Commission then certifies its actions to the City by September 1st of each year. By October 1st of each year, the City accepts, by resolution, the tax rate as determined by the Budget Commission. As part of the certification process, the City receives an official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts by fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure. On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed or fall short of current estimates. The amounts reported on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2000.

3. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1st of each year for the period January 1 through March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1st of each year for the period January 1 through December 31. The appropriation ordinance establishes spending controls at the fund, department and object level, and may only be modified during the year by ordinance of the City Council. Total fund appropriations may not exceed the current estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the object level. During the year, several supplemental appropriations were necessary to budget note proceeds, contingency funds and intergovernmental grants. The supplemental appropriations increased year end appropriations by approximately 1.5% over the appropriation ordinance approved in January 2000. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of more detailed line-item budgets. The budgetary figures which appear in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances--Budget and Actual--All Governmental Fund Types are provided on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results with the final budget, including all amendments and modifications.

4. Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures are encumbered and recorded as the equivalent of expenditures (budget basis) in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. However, on the GAAP basis of accounting, encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and are reported as reservations of fund balances for governmental funds in the accompanying general purpose financial statements.



## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**D. Budgetary Process** (Continued)5. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

6. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis lie in the manner in which revenues and expenditures are recorded. Under the budgetary basis, revenues and expenditures are recognized on the cash basis. Utilizing the cash basis, revenues are recorded when received in cash and expenditures when paid. Also under the budgetary basis, encumbrances are recognized as expenditures and note proceeds are recognized as an other financing source. Under the GAAP basis, revenues and expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the governmental funds:

	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds
GAAP Basis (as reported)	\$4,362,046	(\$254,928)	(\$870,971)	\$10,599,183
Increase (Decrease):				
Accrued Revenues at December 31, 2000 received during 2001	(3,339,666)	(17,617)	(876)	(104,420)
Accrued Revenues at December 31, 1999 received during 2000	3,127,755	18,567	2,199	18,840
Accrued Expenditures at December 31, 2000 paid during 2001	849,681	224,303	0	351,191
Accrued Expenditures at December 31, 1999 paid during 2000	(708,564)	(503,774)	0	(149,030)
1999 Prepaids for 2000	23,946	44,033	0	0
2000 Prepaids for 2001	(26,278)	(14,412)	0	0
Fund Debt:				
General Obligation Note Proceeds	0	0	0	5,500,000
Note Retirement	0	0	0	(11,000,000)
Outstanding Encumbrances	(1,539,196)	(1,079,768)	0	(3,730,881)
Budget Basis	<u>\$2,749,724</u>	<u>(\$1,583,596)</u>	<u>(\$869,648)</u>	<u>\$1,484,883</u>

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

During fiscal year 2000, cash and cash equivalents included amounts in demand deposits, repurchase agreements and the State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio). STAR Ohio is a very liquid investment and is reported as a cash equivalent in the general purpose financial statements.

The City pools its cash for investment and resource management purposes. Each fund's equity in cash and cash equivalents represents the balance on hand as if each had maintained its own cash and cash investment account. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund considers its share of equity in pooled repurchase agreements and STAR Ohio to be cash equivalents. See Note 3, "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

**F. Investments**

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools", the City reports its repurchase agreements at cost which approximates fair value. The City allocates interest among the various funds based upon applicable legal and administrative requirements. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, are recognized as revenue in the operating statements. Fair value is determined by quoted market prices. See Note 3, "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

The City has invested funds in the STAR Ohio during 2000. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2000.

**G. Inventory**

Inventory is stated at cost (first-in, first-out) in the governmental funds, and at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market in the proprietary fund. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental and when purchased and expenses in the proprietary fund when used.

**H. Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to fixed assets is determined by their ultimate use.

**1. Property, Plant and Equipment - General Governmental Purposes**

Fixed assets acquired or constructed for general governmental purposes are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost for assets not purchased in recent years) in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**H. Fixed Assets and Depreciation** (Continued)

1. Property, Plant and Equipment - General Governmental Purposes (Continued)

Fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems, have not been capitalized. Such assets normally are immovable and of value only to the City. Therefore, the purpose of stewardship for capital expenditures can be satisfied without recording these assets.

General fixed asset values were initially determined at December 31, 1985 by identifying historical costs when such information was available. In cases where information supporting original cost was not obtainable, estimated historical costs were developed. For certain fixed assets, the estimates were arrived at by indexing estimated current costs back to the estimated year of acquisition.

The City has elected not to record depreciation in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

2. Property, Plant and Equipment - Proprietary Fund

Property, plant and equipment acquired by the proprietary fund is stated at cost (or estimated historical cost), including interest capitalized during construction, and architectural and engineering fees where applicable. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received.

Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives (Years)</u>
Buildings	15 - 25
Improvements other than Buildings	25
Machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures	3 - 10

**I. Long-Term Obligations**

Long-term liabilities are being repaid from the following funds:

<u>Obligation</u>	<u>Fund</u>
General Obligation Bonds	Debt Service Funds (General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund)
Compensated Absences	General Fund Special Revenue Funds (Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund and Park and Recreation Fund) Enterprise Fund (Golf Course Fund)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**J. Compensated Absences**

All full-time City employees earn vacation at varying rates based upon length of service. An employee's vacation must be used during the period in which it is earned unless the City Manager allows the balance to be carried over to the following year. Upon separation from the City, the employee (or his estate) is paid for his accumulated unused vacation leave balance.

All full-time City employees earn sick leave at the rate of 1.25 days per calendar month of active service. Upon separation from the City, other than retirement under the PERS of Ohio or the OP&F Fund, an employee shall receive one hour of monetary compensation for each day of unused sick leave; the monetary compensation shall be at the hourly rate of compensation of the employee at the time of resignation if the employee is not given credit at his next place of employment.

Upon retirement from the City's service, an employee shall receive three hours of monetary compensation for each day of unused sick leave. The monetary compensation shall be at the hourly rate of compensation of the employee at the time of retirement.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "*Accounting for Compensated Absences*," the City records a liability for vacation time and sick leave when the obligation is attributable to services previously rendered, to rights that vest or accumulate, and where payment of the obligation is probable and can be reasonably determined. For governmental funds, that portion of unpaid compensated absences that is expected to be paid using expendable, available resources is reported as an expenditure in the fund from which the individual earning the leave is paid, and a corresponding liability is reflected in the account "compensated absences payable." The remaining portion of the liability is reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group.

Compensated absences are expensed in the Golf Course Enterprise Fund when earned, and the related liability is reported within the fund.

**K. Pensions**

The provision for pension costs is recorded when the related payroll is accrued and the obligation is incurred.

**L. Contributed Capital**

Proprietary fund type contributed capital is recorded at fair market value of the related assets at the date received. Depreciation on contributed fixed assets resulting from grants, entitlements and shared revenues is recorded as an operating expense and closed along with other operating expenses directly to retained earnings.

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**M. Interfund Transactions**

During the course of normal operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds. Interfund transactions are generally classified as follows:

- Operating transfers are reported as "Other Financing Sources and Uses" in the governmental funds, as "Operating Transfers In" by the recipient fund, and "Operating Transfers Out" by the disbursing fund.
- Residual equity transfers are nonroutine or nonrecurring transfers between funds and are reported as additions to or deductions from the fund equity balance. The City did not perform any residual equity transfers in 2000.

Transactions that would be treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses if they involved organizations external to the City are similarly treated when involving other funds of the City. The City also advances cash from one fund to another as necessary to meet current obligations.

**N. Reservations of Fund Balance**

Reserves indicate that a portion of fund balance is not available for expenditure or is legally segregated for a specific future use. Fund balances are reserved for inventories of supplies and materials, prepaid items, debt service and encumbered amounts that have not been accrued at year end.

**O. Total Columns on Combined Financial Statements - Overview**

Total columns on the Combined Statements-Overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position or results of operations or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, nor is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**NOTE 2 - COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Deficit Fund Equities** - The fund deficits at December 31, 2000 of \$1,074 in the Park and Recreation Fund and \$13,482 in the Task Force XIII Fund (special revenue funds) arose from the recognition of expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting which are greater than expenditures recognized on the cash basis. Operating transfers are provided when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

**NOTE 3 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash resources of a majority of individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and investments. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents." Ohio law requires the classification of funds held by the City into three categories.

Category 1 consists of "active" funds - those funds required to be kept in a "cash" or "cash equivalent" status for immediate use by the City. Such funds must be maintained either as cash in the City treasury or in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts.

Category 2 consists of "inactive" funds - those funds not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive funds may be deposited or invested only as certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Category 3 consists of "interim" funds - those funds which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim funds may be invested or deposited in the following securities:

- United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions, and
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

**NOTE 3 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Ohio Law requires that deposits be placed in eligible banks or savings and loan associations located in Ohio. Any public depository in which the City places deposits must pledge as collateral eligible securities of aggregate market value equal to the excess of deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The securities pledged as collateral are pledged to a pool for each individual financial institution in amounts equal to at least 110% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of any state, county, municipal corporation or other legally constituted authority of any other state or any instrumentality of such county, municipal corporation or other authority. Based upon criteria described in GASB Statement No. 3 "*Deposits With Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*," collateral held in single financial collateral pools with securities being held by the pledging financial institutions' agent in the pool's name are classified as Category 3.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has established risk categories for deposits and investments as follows:

*Deposits:*

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the City or by its agent in the City's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the City's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

*Investments:*

- Category 1 Insured or registered, or securities held by the City or its agent in the City's name.
- Category 2 Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the City's name.
- Category 3 Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

**A. Deposits**

At year end the carrying amount of the City's deposits was an overdraft of \$1,108,419 and the bank balance was \$397,693. Federal depository insurance covered \$100,000 of the bank balance, and all remaining deposits were classified as Category 3.

**NOTE 3 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**B. Investments**

The City's investments at December 31, 2000 are summarized below:

<u>Categorized Investments</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Carrying/ Fair Value</u>
Repurchase Agreement	\$7,671,230	\$7,671,230
 <u>Noncategorized Investments</u>		
STAR Ohio	N/A	13,838,066
Total Investments	<u>\$7,671,230</u>	<u>\$21,509,296</u>

**C. Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

The classification of cash, cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. Repurchase agreements and STAR Ohio are treated as cash and cash equivalents. The classification of cash and cash equivalents (deposits) for purposes of this note is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 3.

A reconciliation between classifications of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classifications per items A and B of this note are as follows:

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents *</u>	<u>Investments</u>
Per Combined Balance Sheet	\$20,400,877	\$0
Investments:		
STAR Ohio	(13,838,066)	13,838,066
Repurchase Agreement	<u>(7,671,230)</u>	<u>7,671,230</u>
Per GASB Statement No. 3	<u>(\$1,108,419)</u>	<u>\$21,509,296</u>

\* Includes Cash with Fiscal Agent.

**NOTE 4 - TAXES**

**A. Property Taxes**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real estate and public utility property, and tangible personal property which is used in business, located in the City. Real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2000 were levied after October 1, 1999 on assessed values as of January 1, 1999, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the county auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be reappraised every six years and equalization adjustments are made in the third year following reappraisal. The last reappraisal was completed in 1999. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. The first payment is due January 20, with the remainder payable by June 20.



**NOTE 4 - TAXES (Continued)**

**A. Property Taxes (Continued)**

Taxes collected from tangible personal property (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the prior calendar year on assessed values during and at the close of the most recent fiscal year of the taxpayer that ended on or before March 31 of that calendar year, and at the tax rates determined in the preceding year. Tangible personal property used in business (except for public utilities) is currently assessed for ad valorem taxation purposes at 25 percent of its true value. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20 of the year assessed. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. The first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Certain public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at 100 percent of its true value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County including the City of Blue Ash. The County Auditor remits in February and August of each year the City's portion of the taxes collected.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2000 was \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed value upon which the 2000 levy was based was \$768,021,050. This amount constitutes \$542,886,730 in real property assessed value, \$23,990,460 in public utility assessed value and \$201,143,860 in tangible personal property assessed value.

Ohio law prohibits taxation of property from all taxing authorities in excess of 1% of assessed value without a vote of the people. Under current procedures, the City's share is .308% (3.08 mills) of assessed value.

**B. Income Tax**

The City levies a tax of 1% on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the City as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100% of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of the total amount assessed.

Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employees' compensation and remit the tax to the City either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are required to pay their estimated tax quarterly and file a declaration annually. All income tax proceeds are received by the General Fund.

**NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2000 consisted of taxes, interest, accounts receivable, special assessments, interfund receivables and intergovernmental receivables arising from shared revenues. All receivables are considered collectible in full. Those receivables that relate to amounts not intended to finance the current fiscal year are offset by deferred revenue.

**NOTE 6 - INTERFUND BALANCES**

Individual interfund balances at December 31, 2000 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$917	\$0
Special Revenue Fund:		
Task Force XIII Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>917</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$917</u></u>	<u><u>\$917</u></u>

**NOTE 7 - OPERATING TRANSFERS**

Following is a summary of operating transfers in and out for all funds for 2000:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$7,698,214
Special Revenue Funds:		
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund	3,838,360	0
Park and Recreation Fund	<u>2,636,987</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	6,475,347	0
Debt Service Fund:		
General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund	856,985	5,827,594
Capital Projects Funds:		
Kenwood Road Improvement Fund	2,648,906	0
Kenwood Road Improvement Phase II Fund	<u>3,178,688</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	5,827,594	0
Enterprise Fund:		
Golf Course Fund	<u>365,882</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$13,525,808</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,525,808</u></u>

## NOTE 8 - FIXED ASSETS

**A. General Fixed Assets**

Summary by category of changes in general fixed assets:

Category	December 31, 1999	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2000
Land	\$8,828,166	\$1,265,541	(\$495,663)	\$9,598,044
Buildings	15,745,982	478,345	(1,286)	16,223,041
Improvements Other than Buildings	5,746,669	160,129	(58,235)	5,848,563
Machinery and Equipment	8,588,021	1,089,524	(465,156)	9,212,389
Construction in Progress	1,028,601	1,035,591	(1,028,601)	1,035,591
Totals	\$39,937,439	\$4,029,130	(\$2,048,941)	\$41,917,628

**B. Proprietary Fixed Assets**

Summary by category at December 31, 2000:

Category	Historical Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Land	\$1,124,764	\$0	\$1,124,764
Buildings	978,499	(744,443)	234,056
Improvements Other than Buildings	1,462,008	(956,720)	505,288
Machinery and Equipment	902,534	(525,213)	377,321
Construction In Progress	555,406	0	555,406
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$5,023,211	(\$2,226,376)	\$2,796,835

Contributed Capital in the Proprietary Fund did not change during 2000. The balance at December 31, 2000 is \$2,520,235.

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

All of the City’s full-time employees participate in one of two separate retirement systems which are cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plans.

**A. Public Employees Retirement System (the “PERS of Ohio”)**

The following information was provided by the PERS of Ohio to assist the City in complying with GASB Statement No. 27, *“Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Government Employers.”*

All employees of the City, except full-time uniformed police officers and full-time firefighters, participate in the PERS of Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The PERS of Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority to establish and amend benefits. The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the PERS of Ohio. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 466-2085 or 1-800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The employee contribution rate is 8.5%. The Retirement Board instituted a temporary employer contribution rate rollback for calendar year 2000. The rate rollback was 20% for state and local government divisions. The 2000 employer contribution rate for local government employer units was 10.84%, of covered payroll, 6.54% to fund the pension and 4.3% to fund health care. The 1999 and 1998 employer contribution rates were 13.55%. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City are established and may be amended by the Public Employees Retirement Board. The City's contributions to the PERS of Ohio for the years ending December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$562,560, \$680,568 and \$652,642, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for each year.

The PERS of Ohio provides postemployment health care benefits to age and service retirants with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit and to primary survivor recipients of such retirants. Health care coverage for disability recipients is also available. The health care coverage provided by the PERS of Ohio is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's contribution to the PERS of Ohio is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to the PERS of Ohio. The portion of the 2000 employer contribution rate (identified above) that was used to fund health care for the year 2000 was 4.3% of covered payroll which amounted to \$178,525.

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**A. Public Employees Retirement System (the “PERS of Ohio”)** (Continued)

The significant actuarial assumptions and calculations relating to postemployment health care benefits were based on the PERS of Ohio’s latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 1999. An entry age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability. All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach assets are adjusted annually to reflect 25% of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets. The investment assumption rate for 1999 was 7.75%. An annual increase of 4.75% compounded annually, is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. Additionally, annual pay increases, over and above the 4.75% base increase, were assumed to range from 0.54% to 5.1%. Health care costs were assumed to increase 4.75% annually.

Benefits are advanced-funded on an actuarially determined basis. The number of active contributing participants was 401,339. The actuarial value of the PERS of Ohio net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 1999 is \$10,805.5 million. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method used, were \$12,473.6 million and \$1,668.1 million, respectively.

**B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (the “OP&F Fund”)**

All City full-time police officers and full-time firefighters participate in the OP&F Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The OP&F Fund provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Contribution requirements and benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the OP&F Fund. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164 or by calling (614) 228-2975.

Plan members are required to contribute 10.0% of their annual covered salary, while employers are required to contribute 19.5% and 24.0% respectively for police officers and firefighters. The City's contributions to the OP&F Fund for the years ending December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 were \$472,435, \$460,395 and \$439,557 for police and \$332,164, \$281,737 and \$265,802 for firefighters, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for each year.

The OP&F Fund provides postemployment health care coverage to any person who received or is eligible to receive a monthly benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. An eligible dependent child is any child under the age of 18 whether or not the child is attending school, or under the age of 22 if attending school on a full-time or two-thirds basis. The Ohio Revised Code provides that health care costs

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (the “OP&F Fund”) (Continued)**

paid from the funds of the OP&F Fund shall be included in the employer's contribution rate. The Ohio Revised Code also provides statutory authority allowing the Fund's Board of Trustees to provide postemployment health care coverage to all eligible individuals from the employer's contributions to the OP&F Fund.

The portion of the 2000 covered payroll that was used to fund postemployment health care benefits was \$175,649 representing 7.25% of covered payroll for police and \$100,341 representing 7.25% of covered payroll for fire. Health care funding and accounting was on a pay-as-you-go basis. In addition, since July 1, 1992 most retirees have been required to contribute a portion of the cost of their health care coverage through a deduction from their monthly benefit payment. As of December 31, 1999, the date of the last actuarial evaluation available, the number of participants eligible to receive health care benefits was 12,467 for police and 9,807 for firefighters. The OP&F Fund does not provide separate data on the funded status and funding progress of postemployment health care benefits. The Fund's total health care expenses for the year ended December 31, 1999 were \$95,004,633, which was net of member contributions of \$5,518,098.

**NOTE 10 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

As of December 31, 2000, the liability for unpaid compensated absences was \$892,176 for all funds of the City except the proprietary fund. The current portion of unpaid absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The remainder is reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Compensated absences payable in the proprietary fund were \$54,207, a net increase of \$5,679 from the amount reported at December 31, 1999.

**NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES**

The City is a party to various legal proceedings which seek damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. The City's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect on the financial condition of the City.

**NOTE 12 - NOTES PAYABLE**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that notes including renewal notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds may be issued and outstanding from time to time up to a maximum period of 20 years from the date of issuance of the original notes. The maximum maturity for notes anticipating general obligation bonds payable from special assessments is five years. Any period in excess of five years must be deducted from the permitted maximum maturity of the bonds anticipated, and portions of the principal amount of notes outstanding for more than five years must be retired in amounts at least equal to and payable no later than those principal maturities that would have been required if the bonds had been issued at the expiration of the initial five year period.

	Issue Date	Balance December 31, 1999	Issued (Retired)	Balance December 31, 2000
Capital Projects Notes Payable				
3.69% Kenwood Road Improvement	05/06/1999	\$5,500,000	(\$5,500,000)	\$0
4.41% Kenwood Road Improvement	05/06/2000	0	5,500,000	
			(5,500,000)	0
Total Notes Payable		<u>\$5,500,000</u>	<u>(\$5,500,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Activity in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group in 2000 was as follows:

		Balance December 31, 1999	Issued (Retired)	Balance December 31, 2000
<b>General Long-Term Debt:</b>				
General Obligation Bonds:				
10.5 - 0.05% Municipal and Safety Center Bonds	1992	\$550,000	(\$275,000)	\$275,000
3.50% Recreation Center Improvement Bonds	1993	1,000,000	(500,000)	500,000
4.45 - 4.50% Cornell Road Improvement Bonds	1995	2,300,000	(575,000)	1,725,000
4.63 - 4.75% Kenwood Road Improvement Bonds	2000	0	11,680,000	11,680,000
Total General Obligation Bonds		<u>3,850,000</u>	<u>10,330,000</u>	<u>14,180,000</u>
<b>Other Long-Term Obligations:</b>				
Compensated Absences		836,729	49,425	886,154
Total Other Long-Term Obligations		<u>836,729</u>	<u>49,425</u>	<u>886,154</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt and Other Long-Term Obligations		<u>\$4,686,729</u>	<u>\$10,379,425</u>	<u>\$15,066,154</u>

The Ohio Revised Code provides that the net debt of a municipal corporation, when approved by the electors, shall not exceed 10.5% of the total value of all property in the municipal corporation as listed and assessed for taxation. In addition, the unvoted net debt of municipal corporations cannot exceed 5.5% of the total taxable value of property. The statutory limitations on debt are measured by a direct ratio of net debt to tax valuation and expressed in terms of a percentage. The City has no debt within the 5.5% unvoted debt limitation or the 10.5% overall debt limitation. The City's total debt margin at December 31, 2000 was approximately \$80,642,210.

## NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

**A. Principal and Interest Requirements**

Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2000 are as follows:

Years	General Obligation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	\$1,350,000	\$689,574	\$2,039,574
2002	2,035,000	600,345	2,635,345
2003	2,035,000	506,945	2,541,945
2004	1,460,000	413,180	1,873,180
2005	1,460,000	344,560	1,804,560
2006-2009	5,840,000	691,310	6,531,310
Totals	<u>\$14,180,000</u>	<u>\$3,245,914</u>	<u>\$17,425,914</u>

**B. Conduit Debt**

From time to time, the City has issued Industrial Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the City, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

As of December 31, 2000, there were ten series of Industrial Revenue Bonds outstanding. The aggregate principal amount payable for the four series issued prior to December 31, 2000, could not be determined; however, their original issue amounts totaled \$18,250,000.

## NOTE 14 - CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

As of December 31, 2000, the City had the following commitments with respect to capital projects:

Project	Remaining Construction Commitment	Expected Date of Completion
Cooper Road Improvement Project	\$248,314	02/2001
Osborne Boulevard Connector Road Project	456,014	05/2001
Kenwood Road Improvement Project	7,646,224	12/2001
Total	<u>\$8,350,552</u>	



**NOTE 15 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. In 1992 the City entered into a joint insurance pool, Miami Valley Risk Management Association, Inc. (MVRMA, Inc.) with villages and other local cities. As of December 31, 2000, the pool has sixteen members. The pool has been operational since December of 1988 and was formed in accordance with Section 2744 of the Ohio Revised Code. This jointly governed organization provides real and personal property, crime, bonding, general liability, boiler and machinery, police professional and public official liability coverage up to the limits stated below. Membership in MVRMA is intended to provide broad based coverage up to the limits stated below, with increased emphasis on safety and loss prevention and to create an opportunity for other local governments to participate. MVRMA is a non-profit corporation governed by a sixteen member board of trustees, consisting of a representative appointed by each of the member cities. The board of trustees elects the officers of the corporation, with each trustee having a single vote. Management is provided by an Executive Director, who is assisted by a Claims Manager, a part-time Loss Control Manager and an office staff. The board is responsible for its own financial matters and the corporation maintains its own books of account. Budgeting and financing of MVRMA is subject to the approval of the board, and the organization is covered by policies, procedures, and formally adopted bylaws.

The sixteen participating cities and their respective pool contribution factors for the loss year ended December 31, 2000 are:

Entity	Percentage	Entity	Percentage	
Beavercreek	8.64 %	Sidney	7.72 %	
Blue Ash	7.49	Springdale	5.89	
Indian Hill	2.45	Tipp City	2.66	
Kettering	16.56	Troy	8.14	
Madeira	1.29	Vandalia	5.57	
Mason	6.16	West Carrollton	4.62	
Miamisburg	12.15	Wilmington	4.55	
Montgomery	3.94	Wyoming	2.17	Total
Subtotal	<u>58.68 %</u>	Subtotal	<u>41.32 %</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>

The 2000 pool contribution of the City of Blue Ash was \$166,196 representing 7.49% of the total collected from all members for that year's operating costs and projected loss reserves.

The individual MVRMA, Inc. members are not considered "participants having equity interest" as defined by GASB Statement No. 14 since members have no rights to any assets of MVRMA, Inc. other than possible residual claims upon dissolution. The risk of loss is transferred from the City to the pool. Therefore, MVRMA, Inc. is a multi-jurisdictional arrangement that has the characteristics of a joint venture but has additional features that distinguish it, for financial reporting purposes, from the traditional joint venture defined in GASB Statement No. 14.

**NOTE 15 - RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The following is a summary of insurance coverages at year end:

Property	\$432,383,397	per occurrence
Crime / Employee Theft	1,000,000	per occurrence
Liability	11,000,000	per occurrence
Flood (Property)	100,000,000	aggregate
Earthquake (Property)	100,000,000	aggregate
Extra Expense	5,000,000	per occurrence

The member deductible per occurrence for most types of claims is \$2,500, except Boiler and Machinery which is \$1,000. The pool's self insured retention (SIR) for property claims is \$2,501 - \$150,000 per occurrence except Boiler and Machinery which is \$1,001 - \$5,000. The pool's SIR for liability claims is \$500,000 per occurrence. Excess insurance coverage, provided by commercial companies and an excess insurance pool is \$500,001 to the limits stated above. The City pays an annual premium to MVRMA which is intended to cover administrative expenses and any claims covered by the pool. The MVRMA Board of Trustees has the ability to require the member cities to make supplemental payments in the event reserves are not adequate to cover claims in a particular loss year. The City was not required to make any supplemental payments as of December 31, 2000, because an actuarial opinion issued as of that date reported actual MVRMA loss reserves of \$3,126,944 an amount in excess of the recommended net reserve of \$2,309,818. MVRMA reported Blue Ash's loss experience for years 1999, 1998 and 1997 as \$46,274, \$35,882 and \$92,910 respectively.

MVRMA issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MVRMA, Inc. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 4625 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio 45429-5706.

Workers' Compensation claims are covered under the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The City participates in the Ohio Municipal League's Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program to benefit from the shared risk of a pooled group. The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based upon a rate per \$100 of payroll. The rate is determined based on the group's accident history and administrative costs. The City also pays unemployment claims to the State of Ohio as incurred.

The City continues to carry commercial insurance for other risks of loss, including employee health and life insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages from coverages in the prior year. In addition, settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three fiscal years.

*COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUP  
STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES*

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*THE FOLLOWING COMBINING STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES INCLUDE THE  
GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS,  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS, FIDUCIARY FUNDS AND THE GENERAL FIXED  
ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP.*



***GENERAL FUND***

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The General Fund is used to account for government resources not accounted for in any other fund. The General Fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the Charter and/or the general laws of Ohio.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**GENERAL FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$2,016,800	\$2,054,694	\$37,894
Municipal Income Taxes	18,039,800	20,217,733	2,177,933
Other Local Taxes	720,000	744,793	24,793
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,672,310	1,708,111	35,801
Charges for Services	185,446	223,463	38,017
Licenses and Permits	233,900	225,329	(8,571)
Investment Earnings	435,000	569,744	134,744
Fines and Forfeitures	156,800	232,771	75,971
All Other Revenues	10,800	9,168	(1,632)
Total Revenues	<u>23,470,856</u>	<u>25,985,806</u>	<u>2,514,950</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Personal Services	3,886,000	3,676,190	209,810
Materials and Supplies	103,565	95,292	8,273
Contractual Services	436,680	394,771	41,909
Capital Outlay	198,657	171,242	27,415
Total Police Division	<u>4,624,902</u>	<u>4,337,495</u>	<u>287,407</u>
Fire Division:			
Personal Services	2,244,000	2,191,402	52,598
Materials and Supplies	81,164	71,959	9,205
Contractual Services	268,661	222,927	45,734
Capital Outlay	485,121	383,731	101,390
Total Fire Division	<u>3,078,946</u>	<u>2,870,019</u>	<u>208,927</u>
Total Security of Persons and Property	<u>7,703,848</u>	<u>7,207,514</u>	<u>496,334</u>
Community Development:			
Building Division:			
Personal Services	366,400	345,749	20,651
Materials and Supplies	3,617	2,615	1,002
Contractual Services	430,786	416,719	14,067
Capital Outlay	7,231	6,607	624
Total Building Division	<u>808,034</u>	<u>771,690</u>	<u>36,344</u>
Total Community Development	<u>808,034</u>	<u>771,690</u>	<u>36,344</u>

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**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**GENERAL FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Basic Utility Services:			
Public Services Division:			
Personal Services	895,000	815,410	79,590
Materials and Supplies	71,439	64,416	7,023
Contractual Services	2,061,770	1,950,445	111,325
Capital Outlay	<u>965,450</u>	<u>311,149</u>	<u>654,301</u>
Total Public Services Division	<u>3,993,659</u>	<u>3,141,420</u>	<u>852,239</u>
Total Basic Utility Services	<u>3,993,659</u>	<u>3,141,420</u>	<u>852,239</u>
General Government:			
Legislative Services:			
Personal Services	63,680	59,789	3,891
Materials and Supplies	1,250	387	863
Contractual Services	268,423	265,891	2,532
Capital Outlay	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>1,225</u>
Total Legislative Services	<u>342,353</u>	<u>333,842</u>	<u>8,511</u>
Judicial Services:			
Personal Services	140,550	131,475	9,075
Materials and Supplies	950	714	236
Contractual Services	7,804	4,928	2,876
Capital Outlay	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,628</u>	<u>172</u>
Total Judicial Services	<u>153,104</u>	<u>140,745</u>	<u>12,359</u>
Tax and Finance Divisions:			
Personal Services	471,700	442,060	29,640
Materials and Supplies	4,550	3,041	1,509
Contractual Services	123,964	114,161	9,803
Capital Outlay	<u>11,800</u>	<u>7,438</u>	<u>4,362</u>
Total Tax and Finance Divisions	<u>612,014</u>	<u>566,700</u>	<u>45,314</u>
Administrative Services Division:			
Personal Services	510,800	462,430	48,370
Materials and Supplies	2,255	1,947	308
Contractual Services	12,577	8,779	3,798
Capital Outlay	<u>52,645</u>	<u>45,006</u>	<u>7,639</u>
Total Administrative Services Division	<u>578,277</u>	<u>518,162</u>	<u>60,115</u>

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**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**GENERAL FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government: (continued)			
Facilities Maintenance Division:			
Personal Services	431,750	416,367	15,383
Materials and Supplies	100,050	82,474	17,576
Contractual Services	216,250	153,895	62,355
Capital Outlay	60,875	41,027	19,848
Total Facilities Maintenance Division	<u>808,925</u>	<u>693,763</u>	<u>115,162</u>
Insurance Services Division:			
Contractual Services	205,920	203,531	2,389
Total Insurance Services Division	<u>205,920</u>	<u>203,531</u>	<u>2,389</u>
General Government Services:			
Personal Services	305,000	266,406	38,594
Materials and Supplies	29,110	23,059	6,051
Contractual Services	986,941	867,560	119,381
Capital Outlay	1,687,291	823,263	864,028
Total General Government Services	<u>3,008,342</u>	<u>1,980,288</u>	<u>1,028,054</u>
Total General Government	<u>5,708,935</u>	<u>4,437,031</u>	<u>1,271,904</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>18,214,476</u>	<u>15,557,655</u>	<u>2,656,821</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	5,256,380	10,428,151	5,171,771
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	870,000	19,787	(850,213)
Operating Transfers Out	(11,185,236)	(7,698,214)	3,487,022
Advances In	575,000	335,000	(240,000)
Advances Out	(575,000)	(335,000)	240,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(10,315,236)</u>	<u>(7,678,427)</u>	<u>2,636,809</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(5,058,856)	2,749,724	7,808,580
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	4,712,747	4,712,747	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	410,442	410,442	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$64,333</u>	<u>\$7,872,913</u>	<u>\$7,808,580</u>



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***SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS***

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

**Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund**

To account for state-levied and controlled gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees designated for street maintenance and repair.

**Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund**

To account for county-levied motor vehicle registration fees designated for street construction, maintenance and repair.

**State Highway Improvement Fund**

To account for the portion of the state gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees designated for street maintenance and repair of state highways within the City.

**Park and Recreation Fund**

To account for the operation and maintenance of public recreational facilities.

**Task Force XIII Fund**

To account for grant funds received from the state to coordinate the operations of the local Drug Task Force.

**Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement (DART) Funds**

To account for the proceeds from the confiscation of contraband.

**Drug Law Enforcement and Drug Law Enforcement (DART) Funds**

To account for mandatory fines collected for drug offenses.

**Education Enforcement (DUI) Fund**

To account for financial resources used to educate and treat persons with alcohol related problems and to enhance law enforcement activities as a deterrent to the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund	Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	State Highway Improvement Fund	Park and Recreation Fund
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$983,563	\$85,758	\$110,782	\$86,289
Receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts):				
Interest	2,314	456	511	233
Intergovernmental Receivables	7,844	4,528	427	363
Inventory of Supplies, at Cost	40,261	0	0	7,078
Prepaid Items	393	0	0	11,506
Total Assets	<u>\$1,034,375</u>	<u>\$90,742</u>	<u>\$111,720</u>	<u>\$105,469</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$66,480	\$0	\$0	\$53,271
Accrued Wages and Benefits	31,820	0	0	51,622
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Payable	83	0	0	1,650
Compensated Absences	3,559	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	<u>101,942</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>106,543</u>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	917,364	0	0	42,724
Reserved for Supplies Inventory	40,261	0	0	7,078
Reserved for Prepaid Items	393	0	0	11,506
Unreserved - Undesignated	(25,585)	90,742	111,720	(62,382)
Total Fund Equity	<u>932,433</u>	<u>90,742</u>	<u>111,720</u>	<u>(1,074)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$1,034,375</u>	<u>\$90,742</u>	<u>\$111,720</u>	<u>\$105,469</u>

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Task Force XIII Fund	Law Enforcement Fund	Law Enforcement (DART) Fund	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	Drug Law Enforcement (DART) Fund	Education Enforcement (DUI) Fund	Totals
\$0	\$41,684	\$49,696	\$31,433	\$42,365	\$3,466	\$1,435,036
0	191	344	148	191	17	4,405
0	0	0	0	0	50	13,212
0	0	0	0	0	0	47,339
2,336	0	0	0	177	0	14,412
<u>\$2,336</u>	<u>\$41,875</u>	<u>\$50,040</u>	<u>\$31,581</u>	<u>\$42,733</u>	<u>\$3,533</u>	<u>\$1,514,404</u>
\$1,763	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$121,514
12,018	0	0	0	0	0	95,460
917	0	0	0	0	0	917
1,120	0	0	0	0	0	2,853
0	0	0	0	0	0	3,559
<u>15,818</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>224,303</u>
0	2,143	7,568	642	228	0	970,669
0	0	0	0	0	0	47,339
2,336	0	0	0	177	0	14,412
(15,818)	39,732	42,472	30,939	42,328	3,533	257,681
<u>(13,482)</u>	<u>41,875</u>	<u>50,040</u>	<u>31,581</u>	<u>42,733</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>1,290,101</u>
<u>\$2,336</u>	<u>\$41,875</u>	<u>\$50,040</u>	<u>\$31,581</u>	<u>\$42,733</u>	<u>\$3,533</u>	<u>\$1,514,404</u>

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund	Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	State Highway Improvement Fund	Park and Recreation Fund
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$430,530	\$113,309	\$34,742	\$0
Charges for Services	11,094	0	0	690,239
Licenses and Permits	500	0	0	0
Investment Earnings	12,763	5,244	5,361	4,519
Fines and Forfeitures	0	0	0	0
All Other Revenues	583	0	0	3,038
Total Revenues	455,470	118,553	40,103	697,796
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
Security of Persons and Property	0	0	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	0	0	0	3,772,561
Transportation	4,066,824	61,768	0	0
Total Expenditures	4,066,824	61,768	0	3,772,561
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,611,354)	56,785	40,103	(3,074,765)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Operating Transfers In	3,838,360	0	0	2,636,987
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,838,360	0	0	2,636,987
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	227,006	56,785	40,103	(437,778)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	721,444	33,957	71,617	435,450
Increase (Decrease) in Inventory Reserve	(16,017)	0	0	1,254
Fund Balance (Deficit) at End of Year	\$932,433	\$90,742	\$111,720	(\$1,074)

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Task Force XIII Fund	Law Enforcement Fund	Law Enforcement (DART) Fund	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	Drug Law Enforcement (DART) Fund	Education Enforcement (DUI) Fund	Totals
\$472,335	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$1,050,966
0	0	0	0	0	0	701,333
0	0	0	0	0	0	500
0	2,247	4,820	1,921	1,789	150	38,814
0	11,408	43,208	6,661	30,595	2,767	94,639
0	0	0	0	0	0	3,621
<u>472,335</u>	<u>13,655</u>	<u>48,028</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>32,384</u>	<u>2,967</u>	<u>1,889,873</u>
596,386	6,461	95,142	12,725	7,654	627	718,995
0	0	0	0	0	0	3,772,561
0	0	0	0	0	0	4,128,592
<u>596,386</u>	<u>6,461</u>	<u>95,142</u>	<u>12,725</u>	<u>7,654</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>8,620,148</u>
(124,051)	7,194	(47,114)	(4,143)	24,730	2,340	(6,730,275)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,475,347</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,475,347</u>
(124,051)	7,194	(47,114)	(4,143)	24,730	2,340	(254,928)
110,569	34,681	97,154	35,724	18,003	1,193	1,559,792
0	0	0	0	0	0	(14,763)
<u>(\$13,482)</u>	<u>\$41,875</u>	<u>\$50,040</u>	<u>\$31,581</u>	<u>\$42,733</u>	<u>\$3,533</u>	<u>\$1,290,101</u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$420,000	\$428,762	\$8,762
Charges for Services	36,500	11,094	(25,406)
Licenses and Permits	350	500	150
Investment Earnings	2,500	12,806	10,306
All Other Revenues	650	583	(67)
Total Revenues	460,000	453,745	(6,255)
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Transportation:			
Street Division:			
Personal Services	611,000	569,079	41,921
Materials and Supplies	252,969	237,802	15,167
Contractual Services	338,034	274,767	63,267
Capital Outlay	4,962,754	4,243,811	718,943
Total Expenditures	6,164,757	5,325,459	839,298
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(5,704,757)	(4,871,714)	833,043
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Operating Transfers In	4,798,150	3,838,360	(959,790)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,798,150	3,838,360	(959,790)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(906,607)	(1,033,354)	(126,747)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	1,033,354	1,033,354	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$126,747	\$0	(\$126,747)

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**MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$114,250	\$115,689	\$1,439
Investment Earnings	2,000	4,893	2,893
Total Revenues	116,250	120,582	4,332
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Transportation:			
Street Division:			
Personal Services	70,000	61,768	8,232
Total Expenditures	70,000	61,768	8,232
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	46,250	58,814	12,564
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	26,944	26,944	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$73,194	\$85,758	\$12,564

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**STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$33,700	\$34,764	\$1,064
Investment Earnings	1,500	5,161	3,661
Total Revenues	<u>35,200</u>	<u>39,925</u>	<u>4,725</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Transportation:			
Street Division:			
Contractual Services	<u>35,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>35,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	200	39,925	39,725
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>70,857</u>	<u>70,857</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$71,057</u></u>	<u><u>\$110,782</u></u>	<u><u>\$39,725</u></u>



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**PARK AND RECREATION FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Charges for Services	\$697,230	\$690,239	(\$6,991)
Investment Earnings	3,000	5,441	2,441
All Other Revenues	10,900	3,524	(7,376)
Total Revenues	<u>711,130</u>	<u>699,204</u>	<u>(11,926)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Leisure Time Activities:			
Recreation Programming Division:			
Personal Services	933,950	904,941	29,009
Materials and Supplies	171,885	146,225	25,660
Contractual Services	812,836	744,689	68,147
Capital Outlay	190,124	189,771	353
Refunds	10,000	7,565	2,435
Total Recreation Programming Division	<u>2,118,795</u>	<u>1,993,191</u>	<u>125,604</u>
Park Maintenance Division:			
Personal Services	522,200	448,162	74,038
Materials and Supplies	133,357	125,438	7,919
Contractual Services	164,021	143,743	20,278
Capital Outlay	373,479	312,729	60,750
Total Park Maintenance Division	<u>1,193,057</u>	<u>1,030,072</u>	<u>162,985</u>
Grounds Maintenance Division:			
Personal Services	332,700	307,330	25,370
Materials and Supplies	66,614	61,364	5,250
Contractual Services	66,453	50,951	15,502
Capital Outlay	2,299,828	396,152	1,903,676
Total Grounds Maintenance Division	<u>2,765,595</u>	<u>815,797</u>	<u>1,949,798</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,077,447</u>	<u>3,839,060</u>	<u>2,238,387</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(5,366,317)	(3,139,856)	2,226,461

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**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
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**PARK AND RECREATION FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Operating Transfers In	<u>4,907,120</u>	<u>2,636,987</u>	<u>(2,270,133)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>4,907,120</u>	<u>2,636,987</u>	<u>(2,270,133)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)			
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(459,197)	(502,869)	(43,672)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	<u>502,869</u>	<u>502,869</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$43,672</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>(\$43,672)</u></u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
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**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
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**TASK FORCE XIII FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$472,335	\$472,335	\$0
Total Revenues	472,335	472,335	0
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property			
Police Division:			
Personal Services	255,790	255,790	0
Materials and Supplies	14,988	14,988	0
Contractual Services	325,957	325,957	0
Total Expenditures	596,735	596,735	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(124,400)	(124,400)	0
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Advances In	175,000	50,000	(125,000)
Advances Out	(175,000)	(50,000)	125,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(124,400)	(124,400)	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	124,400	124,400	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
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**LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$1,000	\$2,211	\$1,211
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	11,408	5,908
Total Revenues	6,500	13,619	7,119
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Materials and Supplies	2,554	1,243	1,311
Contractual Services	20,500	5,415	15,085
Capital Outlay	2,000	2,000	0
Total Expenditures	25,054	8,658	16,396
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(18,554)	4,961	23,515
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	34,345	34,345	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	235	235	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$16,026	\$39,541	\$23,515

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
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**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT (DART) FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$2,000	\$4,982	\$2,982
Fines and Forfeitures	43,000	43,208	208
All Other Revenues	200	0	(200)
Total Revenues	45,200	48,190	2,990
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Personal Services	5,000	555	4,445
Materials and Supplies	1,000	665	335
Contractual Services	104,742	87,207	17,535
Capital Outlay	22,568	8,273	14,295
Total Expenditures	133,310	96,700	36,610
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(88,110)	(48,510)	39,600
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	82,327	82,327	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	8,311	8,311	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$2,528	\$42,128	\$39,600

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
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**DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$1,289	\$1,933	\$644
Fines and Forfeitures	<u>4,300</u>	<u>6,661</u>	<u>2,361</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,589</u>	<u>8,594</u>	<u>3,005</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Materials and Supplies	1,500	127	1,373
Contractual Services	27,079	6,864	20,215
Capital Outlay	<u>6,992</u>	<u>6,623</u>	<u>369</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>35,571</u>	<u>13,614</u>	<u>21,957</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(29,982)	(5,020)	24,962
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	33,594	33,594	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	<u>2,217</u>	<u>2,217</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$5,829</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,791</u></u>	<u><u>\$24,962</u></u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT (DART) FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$1,000	\$1,678	\$678
Fines and Forfeitures	15,000	30,595	15,595
Total Revenues	<u>16,000</u>	<u>32,273</u>	<u>16,273</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Personal Services	1,000	1,000	0
Materials and Supplies	500	204	296
Contractual Services	18,700	4,933	13,767
Capital Outlay	5,000	1,731	3,269
Total Expenditures	<u>25,200</u>	<u>7,868</u>	<u>17,332</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(9,200)	24,405	33,605
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	17,532	17,532	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	200	200	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$8,532</u></u>	<u><u>\$42,137</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,605</u></u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**EDUCATION ENFORCEMENT (DUI) FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$100	\$137	\$37
Fines and Forfeitures	700	2,942	2,242
Total Revenues	<u>800</u>	<u>3,079</u>	<u>2,279</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Division:			
Contractual Services	<u>800</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>173</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>800</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>173</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	0	2,452	2,452
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>1,014</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$1,014</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,466</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,452</u></u>



## ***DEBT SERVICE FUNDS***

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Debt Service Funds are used to account for retirement of the City's general obligation and special assessment bonds.

### **General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund**

To account for payments of principal and interest on the City's general obligation bonds which are recorded in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group. Revenues for this purpose include ad valorem property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

### **Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund**

To account for payments of principal and interest on the City's special assessment bonds. Revenues for this purpose include special assessment collections and investment income.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund</u>	<u>Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Assets:</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$43,148	\$26,544	\$69,692
Receivables:			
Taxes	78,945	0	78,945
Special Assessments	0	5,190	5,190
Interest	200	124	324
Total Assets	<u>\$122,293</u>	<u>\$31,858</u>	<u>\$154,151</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deferred Revenue	<u>\$78,393</u>	<u>\$5,190</u>	<u>\$83,583</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>78,393</u>	<u>5,190</u>	<u>83,583</u>
<u>Fund Equity:</u>			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Debt Service	<u>43,900</u>	<u>26,668</u>	<u>70,568</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>43,900</u>	<u>26,668</u>	<u>70,568</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$122,293</u>	<u>\$31,858</u>	<u>\$154,151</u>

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund	Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund	Totals
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$76,651	\$0	\$76,651
Intergovernmental Revenues	7,187	0	7,187
Investment Earnings	74,066	1,517	75,583
All Other Revenues	683	0	683
Total Revenues	<u>158,587</u>	<u>1,517</u>	<u>160,104</u>
<u>Debt Service:</u>			
Principal Retirement	1,350,000	0	1,350,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>210,466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>210,466</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,560,466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,560,466</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,401,879)	1,517	(1,400,362)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	5,500,000	0	5,500,000
Operating Transfers In	856,985	0	856,985
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(5,827,594)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,827,594)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>529,391</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>529,391</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(872,488)	1,517	(870,971)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>916,388</u>	<u>25,151</u>	<u>941,539</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$43,900</u></u>	<u><u>\$26,668</u></u>	<u><u>\$70,568</u></u>

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**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$70,344	\$76,099	\$5,755
Intergovernmental Revenues	6,749	7,187	438
Investment Earnings	74,020	75,946	1,926
All Other Revenues	683	683	0
Total Revenues	151,796	159,915	8,119
<u>Debt Service:</u>			
Principal Retirement	12,350,000	12,350,000	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	649,678	538,060	111,618
Total Expenditures	12,999,678	12,888,060	111,618
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(12,847,882)	(12,728,145)	119,737
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Proceeds from General Obligation Notes	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Operating Transfers In	958,574	856,985	(101,589)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	11,958,574	11,856,985	(101,589)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(889,308)	(871,160)	18,148
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	914,308	914,308	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$25,000	\$43,148	\$18,148

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**DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND RETIREMENT FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$1,000	\$1,512	\$512
Special Assessments	50	0	(50)
Total Revenues	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,512</u>	<u>462</u>
<u>Debt Service:</u>			
Interest and Fiscal Charges	200	0	200
Total Expenditures	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	850	1,512	662
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>25,032</u>	<u>25,032</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$25,882</u></u>	<u><u>\$26,544</u></u>	<u><u>\$662</u></u>

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## ***CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS***

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The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities, other than those financed by proprietary or trust funds.

**Kenwood Road Improvement Fund**

To account for financial resources used for the improvement of Kenwood Road. (The Balance Sheet is not presented because there are no assets or liabilities at year end.)

**Kenwood Road Improvement Phase II Fund**

To account for financial resources used for Phase II of the improvement of Kenwood Road.

**Kenwood Road Construction Fund**

To account for financial resources used for the construction of Kenwood Road.

**Land Purchase Fund**

To account for financial resources used for the acquisition and improvement of recreational facilities.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Kenwood Road Improvement Phase II Fund	Kenwood Road Construction Fund	Land Purchase Fund	Totals
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,212,402	\$6,196,663	\$7,688	\$9,416,753
Interest Receivable	17,545	28,897	36	46,478
Intergovernmental Receivables	0	57,942	0	57,942
Total Assets	<u>\$3,229,947</u>	<u>\$6,283,502</u>	<u>\$7,724</u>	<u>\$9,521,173</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$351,191	\$0	\$0	\$351,191
Total Liabilities	<u>351,191</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>351,191</u>
<u>Fund Equity:</u>				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,380,521	2,000,000	0	3,380,521
Unreserved - Undesignated	1,498,235	4,283,502	7,724	5,789,461
Total Fund Equity	<u>2,878,756</u>	<u>6,283,502</u>	<u>7,724</u>	<u>9,169,982</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$3,229,947</u>	<u>\$6,283,502</u>	<u>\$7,724</u>	<u>\$9,521,173</u>

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Kenwood Road Improvement Fund	Kenwood Road Improvement Phase II Fund	Kenwood Road Construction Fund	Land Purchase Fund	Totals
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$0	\$1,429,386	\$57,942	\$0	\$1,487,328
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	2,300	2,300
Investment Earnings	38,072	212,301	45,560	477	296,410
All Other Revenues	884	0	0	0	884
Total Revenues	<u>38,956</u>	<u>1,641,687</u>	<u>103,502</u>	<u>2,777</u>	<u>1,786,922</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Capital Outlay	1,143,831	1,856,729	0	2,479	3,003,039
Debt Service:					
Interest and Fiscal Charges	87,406	104,888	0	0	192,294
Total Expenditures	<u>1,231,237</u>	<u>1,961,617</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,479</u>	<u>3,195,333</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,192,281)	(319,930)	103,502	298	(1,408,411)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>					
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	0	0	6,180,000	0	6,180,000
Operating Transfers In	2,648,906	3,178,688	0	0	5,827,594
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>2,648,906</u>	<u>3,178,688</u>	<u>6,180,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,007,594</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,456,625	2,858,758	6,283,502	298	10,599,183
Fund Balance (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	(1,456,625)	19,998	0	7,426	(1,429,201)
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,878,756</u>	<u>\$6,283,502</u>	<u>\$7,724</u>	<u>\$9,169,982</u>



**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**KENWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$43,096	\$43,096	\$0
All Other Revenues	884	884	0
Total Revenues	43,980	43,980	0
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Capital Outlay	1,157,561	1,157,561	0
Total Expenditures	1,157,561	1,157,561	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,113,581)	(1,113,581)	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	799,492	799,492	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	314,089	314,089	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**KENWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PHASE II FUND**

	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$1,429,386	\$1,429,386	\$0
Investment Earnings	<u>159,697</u>	<u>208,539</u>	<u>48,842</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,589,083</u>	<u>1,637,925</u>	<u>48,842</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Capital Outlay	<u>4,640,697</u>	<u>3,236,419</u>	<u>1,404,278</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>4,640,697</u>	<u>3,236,419</u>	<u>1,404,278</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,051,614)	(1,598,494)	1,453,120
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>3,080,015</u>	<u>3,080,015</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$28,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,481,521</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,453,120</u></u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**KENWOOD ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Investment Earnings	\$0	\$16,663	\$16,663
Total Revenues	0	16,663	16,663
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Capital Outlay	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,000,000)	(1,983,337)	16,663
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Proceeds from General Obligation Bonds	6,180,000	6,180,000	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	6,180,000	6,180,000	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	4,180,000	4,196,663	16,663
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$4,180,000	\$4,196,663	\$16,663

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**LAND PURCHASE FUND**

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance: Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Licenses and Permits	\$500	\$2,300	\$1,800
Investment Earnings	200	474	274
Total Revenues	700	2,774	2,074
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Capital Outlay	8,092	2,479	5,613
Total Expenditures	8,092	2,479	5,613
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(7,392)	295	7,687
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	7,393	7,393	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$1	\$7,688	\$7,687

***FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE***

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Fiduciary fund types are used to account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds.

***AGENCY FUNDS***

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**Mayor's Court Fund**

To account for funds that flow through the Mayor's Court.

**Ohio Board of Building Standards Assessment Fund**

To account for funds from the three percent (3%) fees as required by Ohio Revised Code.

**Arson Task Force Fund**

To account for the collection and disbursement of funds related to the Arson Task Force.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AGENCY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	Balance December 31, 1999	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31, 2000
<b><u>Mayor's Court</u></b>				
Assets:				
Cash with Fiscal Agent	\$725	\$315,533	(\$315,294)	\$964
Total Assets	<u>\$725</u>	<u>\$315,533</u>	<u>(\$315,294)</u>	<u>\$964</u>
Liabilities:				
Due to Others	\$725	\$315,533	(\$315,294)	\$964
Total Liabilities	<u>\$725</u>	<u>\$315,533</u>	<u>(\$315,294)</u>	<u>\$964</u>
<b><u>Ohio Board of Building Standards Assessments</u></b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$827	\$3,723	(\$4,447)	\$103
Total Assets	<u>\$827</u>	<u>\$3,723</u>	<u>(\$4,447)</u>	<u>\$103</u>
Liabilities:				
Intergovernmental Payables	\$827	\$3,723	(\$4,447)	\$103
Total Liabilities	<u>\$827</u>	<u>\$3,723</u>	<u>(\$4,447)</u>	<u>\$103</u>
<b><u>Arson Task Force</u></b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,461	\$3,856	(\$4,118)	\$2,199
Total Assets	<u>\$2,461</u>	<u>\$3,856</u>	<u>(\$4,118)</u>	<u>\$2,199</u>
Liabilities:				
Due to Others	\$2,461	\$3,856	(\$4,118)	\$2,199
Total Liabilities	<u>\$2,461</u>	<u>\$3,856</u>	<u>(\$4,118)</u>	<u>\$2,199</u>
<b><u>Totals - All Agency Funds</u></b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,288	\$7,579	(\$8,565)	\$2,302
Cash with Fiscal Agent	725	315,533	(315,294)	964
Total Assets	<u>\$4,013</u>	<u>\$323,112</u>	<u>(\$323,859)</u>	<u>\$3,266</u>
Liabilities:				
Intergovernmental Payables	\$827	\$3,723	(\$4,447)	\$103
Due to Others	3,186	319,389	(319,412)	3,163
Total Liabilities	<u>\$4,013</u>	<u>\$323,112</u>	<u>(\$323,859)</u>	<u>\$3,266</u>

***GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP***

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General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets other than those accounted for in the Proprietary Fund.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**  
**BY SOURCE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

General Fixed Assets:

Land	\$9,598,044
Buildings	16,223,041
Improvements Other than Buildings	5,848,563
Machinery and Equipment	9,212,389
Construction in Progress	<u>1,035,591</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$41,917,628</u></u>

Investment in General Fixed Assets from:

General Fund	\$14,785,834
Special Revenue Funds	13,497,176
Capital Project Funds	13,529,718
Enterprise Fund	5,500
Capital Leases	<u>99,400</u>
Total Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$41,917,628</u></u>



**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**  
**BY CATEGORY**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Function and Activity	Land	Buildings	Improvements Other Than Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	Total
<b><u>General Government:</u></b>					
Administration	\$322,207	\$1,949,068	\$261,271	\$806,502	\$3,339,048
Legislative	0	7,375	0	4,242	11,617
Judicial	0	0	0	5,715	5,715
Finance / Tax	0	44,030	0	71,365	115,395
Total	<u>322,207</u>	<u>2,000,473</u>	<u>261,271</u>	<u>887,824</u>	<u>3,471,775</u>
<b><u>Security of Persons and Property:</u></b>					
Police	0	509,223	7,842	1,496,625	2,013,690
Fire	0	889,081	1,900	2,536,797	3,427,778
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>1,398,304</u>	<u>9,742</u>	<u>4,033,422</u>	<u>5,441,468</u>
<b><u>Transportation:</u></b>					
Street	2,184,880	0	0	297,434	2,482,314
<b><u>Public Health and Welfare:</u></b>					
Senior Center	31,270	891,453	40,636	625	963,984
<b><u>Leisure Time Activities:</u></b>					
Park	2,065,036	8,505,151	1,859,687	883,487	13,313,361
Grounds Maintenance	2,108,563	3,097,888	3,526,431	1,119,970	9,852,852
Total	<u>4,173,599</u>	<u>11,603,039</u>	<u>5,386,118</u>	<u>2,003,457</u>	<u>23,166,213</u>
<b><u>Basic Utility Services:</u></b>					
Public Services	985,159	165,497	8,468	1,926,532	3,085,656
<b><u>Community Development:</u></b>					
Building	1,900,929	164,275	142,328	63,095	2,270,627
Construction in Progress					<u>1,035,591</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$9,598,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,223,041</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,848,563</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,212,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$41,917,628</u></u>

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**  
**BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Function and Activity	December 31, 1999	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2000
<b><u>General Government:</u></b>				
Administration	\$3,358,012	\$72,864	(\$91,828)	\$3,339,048
Legislative	4,242	7,375	0	11,617
Judicial	2,718	2,997	0	5,715
Finance / Tax	114,378	6,427	(5,410)	115,395
Total	<u>3,479,350</u>	<u>89,663</u>	<u>(97,238)</u>	<u>3,471,775</u>
<b><u>Security of Persons and Property:</u></b>				
Police	1,994,921	141,399	(122,630)	2,013,690
Fire	3,221,744	316,168	(110,134)	3,427,778
Total	<u>5,216,665</u>	<u>457,567</u>	<u>(232,764)</u>	<u>5,441,468</u>
<b><u>Transportation:</u></b>				
Street	2,005,882	985,641	(509,209)	2,482,314
<b><u>Public Health and Welfare:</u></b>				
Senior Center	966,265	0	(2,281)	963,984
<b><u>Leisure Time Activities:</u></b>				
Park	13,212,046	114,472	(13,157)	13,313,361
Grounds Maintenance	9,218,817	665,379	(31,344)	9,852,852
Total	<u>22,430,863</u>	<u>779,851</u>	<u>(44,501)</u>	<u>23,166,213</u>
<b><u>Basic Utility Services:</u></b>				
Public Services	2,532,195	676,182	(122,721)	3,085,656
<b><u>Community Development:</u></b>				
Building	2,277,618	4,635	(11,626)	2,270,627
Construction in Progress	1,028,601	1,035,591	(1,028,601)	1,035,591
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$39,937,439</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,029,130</u></u>	<u><u>(\$2,048,941)</u></u>	<u><u>\$41,917,628</u></u>

## *STATISTICAL SECTION*

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***T**HE FOLLOWING UNAUDITED STATISTICAL TABLES REFLECT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA, FINANCIAL TRENDS AND FISCAL CAPACITY OF THE CITY.*

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION (1)**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

Year	Security of Persons and Property	Public Health and Welfare Services	Leisure Time Activities	Community Development	Basic Utility Services	Trans- portation	General Government	Capital Outlay	Debt Service	Total
	Property	Services	Activities	Development	Services	portation	Government	Outlay	Service	Total
1991	\$4,639,584	\$112,592	\$1,593,438	\$354,987	\$1,952,480	\$776,493	\$1,791,605	\$1,871,745	\$1,721,082	\$14,814,006
1992	4,957,573	124,800	1,729,424	388,900	2,020,451	741,422	1,821,992	1,981,321	1,650,341	15,416,224
1993	5,152,218	0	1,874,691	422,779	2,109,417	841,730	1,973,176	2,557,422	1,680,636	16,612,069
1994	5,468,384	0	2,029,496	449,421	2,288,764	781,061	2,120,087	2,916,587	2,056,584	18,110,384
1995	5,865,231	0	2,248,390	466,267	2,460,579	830,549	2,176,341	3,811,853	1,999,432	19,858,642
1996	6,306,607	0	2,360,714	550,319	2,435,148	859,185	2,275,129	3,256,844	2,653,414	20,697,360
1997	6,408,047	0	2,474,481	488,379	2,495,505	705,137	2,248,447	5,319,196	2,505,615	22,644,807
1998	7,286,579	0	3,353,772	583,527	4,034,811	2,994,004	3,137,228	0 (2)	2,394,257	23,784,178
1999	7,192,329	0	4,152,781	628,447	3,833,087	5,715,500	5,154,243	0 (2)	2,305,270	28,981,657
2000	7,737,772	0	3,772,561	757,186	3,000,095	4,128,592	3,380,758	0 (2)	1,560,466	24,337,430

(1) Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds.

(2) Amounts previously reported as Capital Outlay are now reported within the various functions.

**THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE (1)**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Inter-Governmental Revenue</b>	<b>Charges for Service</b>	<b>Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>Investment Earnings</b>	<b>Fines and Forfeitures</b>	<b>(2) All Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
1991	\$12,178,863	\$1,725,928	\$427,106	\$270,226	\$174,898	\$258,128	\$247,897	\$15,283,046
1992	13,935,259	1,847,427	530,907	204,079	102,334	261,110	169,088	17,050,204
1993	13,872,643	1,899,658	613,247	174,193	109,661	345,769	43,287	17,058,458
1994	14,937,317	2,355,264	689,017	236,250	159,220	436,489	40,544	18,854,101
1995	16,442,205	2,257,040	784,297	179,478	215,892	312,078	51,034	20,242,024
1996	17,410,034	2,924,107	895,093	218,661	225,036	273,332	51,179	21,997,442
1997	22,856,328	2,813,726	811,921	253,230	375,305	318,255	55,372	27,484,137
1998	20,049,344	2,696,007	1,079,718	230,138	493,621	286,429	40,402	24,875,659
1999	20,873,226	3,174,907	1,047,157	236,468	502,374	324,694	35,862	26,194,688
2000	23,301,869	2,747,822	924,905	226,880	705,262	327,410	13,118	28,247,266

(1) Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds

(2) Special Assessments are included in All Other.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<b>Collection Year</b>	<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>Current Tax Collections</b>	<b>Delinquent Tax Collections</b>	<b>Total Tax Collections</b>	<b>Percent of Total Tax Collections To Tax Levy</b>	<b>Accumulated Outstanding Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>Percentage of Accumulated Delinquent Taxes To Total Tax Levy</b>
1991	\$1,839,443	\$1,553,604	\$57,979	\$1,611,583	87.61%	\$125,931	6.85%
1992	1,956,428	1,705,142	73,961	1,779,103	90.94%	89,891	4.59%
1993	1,933,378	1,740,122	53,207	1,793,329	92.76%	75,186	3.89%
1994	2,143,137	1,916,189	84,031	2,000,220	93.33%	143,216	6.68%
1995	2,030,708	1,874,719	65,606	1,940,325	95.55%	90,671	4.46%
1996	2,106,380	2,012,203	71,425	2,083,628	98.92%	94,918	4.51%
1997	2,057,949	1,999,539	89,083	2,088,622	101.49%	98,427	4.78%
1998	2,114,767	2,070,720	91,897	2,162,617	102.26%	94,583	4.47%
1999	2,181,588	2,139,288	67,045	2,206,333	101.13%	83,881	3.84%
2000	2,336,051	2,286,424	60,817	2,347,241	100.48%	109,832	4.70%

Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND ESTIMATED TRUE VALUES**  
**OF TAXABLE PROPERTY**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

Tax Year	Real Property		Public Utility Personal		Tangible Personal Property		Total		Assessed Value as a Percent of Actual Value
	Assessed	Actual	Assessed	Actual	Assessed	Actual	Assessed	Actual	
1991	\$395,886,530	\$1,131,104,371	\$22,101,010	\$22,101,010	\$153,393,020	\$568,122,296	\$571,380,560	\$1,721,327,677	33.19%
1992	395,555,100	1,130,157,429	23,481,290	23,481,290	156,684,390	602,632,269	575,720,780	1,756,270,988	32.78%
1993	437,257,810	1,249,308,029	23,891,510	23,891,510	175,156,050	700,624,200	636,305,370	1,973,823,739	32.24%
1994	441,847,770	1,262,422,200	25,212,500	25,212,500	177,464,250	709,857,000	644,524,520	1,997,491,700	32.27%
1995	439,080,970	1,254,517,057	23,274,300	23,274,300	159,456,930	637,827,720	621,812,200	1,915,619,077	32.46%
1996	449,177,860	1,283,365,314	25,208,720	25,208,720	181,990,970	727,963,880	656,377,550	2,036,537,914	32.23%
1997	458,131,740	1,308,947,829	26,622,970	26,622,970	192,107,880	768,431,520	676,862,590	2,104,002,319	32.17%
1998	468,557,320	1,338,735,200	27,082,230	27,082,230	201,112,020	804,448,080	696,751,570	2,170,265,510	32.10%
1999	530,995,970	1,517,131,343	26,288,200	26,288,200	212,285,540	849,142,160	769,569,710	2,392,561,703	32.17%
2000	542,886,730	1,551,104,943	23,990,460	23,990,460	201,143,860	804,575,440	768,021,050	2,379,670,843	32.27%

Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**PROPERTY TAX RATES - DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS**  
**(PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS)**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

Collection Year	City of Blue Ash			Princeton * Sycamore ** School District	Hamilton County	Special Taxing Districts	Total
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total				
1991	2.97	0.11	3.08	34.74 *	17.50	2.70	58.02 *
1992	2.97	0.11	3.08	46.74 **	18.56	2.70	70.02 **
1993	2.97	0.11	3.08	42.24 *	18.33	2.70	66.58 *
1994	2.97	0.11	3.08	54.14 **	18.30	2.70	78.48 **
1995	2.97	0.11	3.08	42.24 *	18.30	2.70	66.35 *
1996	2.97	0.11	3.08	54.14 **	18.30	2.70	78.25 **
1997	2.97	0.11	3.08	42.24 *	19.44	2.70	66.32 *
1998	2.97	0.11	3.08	54.14 **	19.44	2.70	78.22 **
1999	2.97	0.11	3.08	42.24 *	19.44	2.70	67.46 *
2000	2.97	0.11	3.08	54.14 **	20.83	2.70	79.36 **
				42.24 *	19.01	2.70	67.46 *
				54.14 **	19.54	2.70	79.36 **
				42.24 *	20.83	2.70	67.03 *
				61.53 **	20.83	2.70	78.93 **
				46.19 *	20.83	2.70	67.56 *
				60.84 **	20.83	2.70	86.85 **
							72.80 *
							87.45 **

Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor



**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<b>Collection Year</b>	<b>Amount Billed</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>	<b>Percent Collected</b>
1991	\$88,475	\$72,820	82.31%
1992	39,189	22,012	56.17%
1993	27,076	17,845	65.91%
1994	12,127	3,013	24.85%
1995	13,020	4,828	37.08%
1996	9,175	1,946	21.21%
1997	11,305	3,470	30.69%
1998	11,944	3,576	29.94%
1999	10,884	1,813	16.66%
2000	9,811	0	0.00%

These figures represent amounts certified to and collected by the Hamilton County Auditor.

Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMPUTATION OF 5-1/2 % LEGAL DEBT MARGIN**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Assessed Value		<u>\$768,021,050</u>
Unvoted Debt Limit		
5-1/2% Assessed Value		\$42,241,158
Total Unvoted Debt Outstanding at December 31, 2000	14,180,000	
Unvoted General Obligation Bonds Issued in Anticipation of the Collection of Lawfully available Municipal Income Tax to be Applied to Debt Service	<u>(14,180,000)</u>	
Subtotal	0	
Less: Bond Retirement Fund Balance	<u>(43,900)</u>	
Net Subject to 5-1/2% Limitation		<u>0</u>
Legal Debt Margin within 5-1/2% Limitation		<u>\$42,241,158</u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO  
COMPUTATION OF 10-1/2 % LEGAL DEBT MARGIN  
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Assessed Value		<u>\$768,021,050</u>
Voted and Unvoted Debt Limit 10-1/2% Assessed Value		\$80,642,210
Total Voted and Unvoted Debt Outstanding at December 31, 2000	14,180,000	
Unvoted General Obligation Bonds Issued in Anticipation of the Collection of Lawfully available Municipal Income Tax to be Applied to Debt Service	<u>(14,180,000)</u>	
	Subtotal	0
Less: Bond Retirement Fund Balance	<u>(43,900)</u>	
Net Subject to 10-1/2% Limitation		<u>0</u>
Legal Debt Margin within 10-1/2% Limitation		<u>\$80,642,210</u>

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**RATIO OF NET GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED**  
**VALUE AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population (1)</u>	<u>Assessed Value (2)</u>	<u>Gross Bonded Debt (3)</u>	<u>Debt Service Funds Available</u>	<u>Net Bonded Debt</u>	<u>Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Net Bonded Debt Per Capita</u>
1991	11,860 (a)	\$571,381,000	\$0	\$24,970	\$0	0.00%	0
1992	11,923 (b)	575,721,000	0	23,574	0	0.00%	0
1993	11,923 (b)	636,305,000	0	20,924	0	0.00%	0
1994	11,923 (b)	644,524,520	0	17,302	0	0.00%	0
1995	11,923 (b)	621,812,200	0	32,161	0	0.00%	0
1996	11,923 (b)	656,377,550	0	118,934	0	0.00%	0
1997	11,923 (b)	676,862,590	0	106,719	0	0.00%	0
1998	11,923 (b)	696,751,570	0	350,708	0	0.00%	0
1999	11,923 (b)	769,569,710	0	916,388	0	0.00%	0
2000	12,513 (c)	768,021,050	0	43,900	0	0.00%	0

(1) Source: U.S. Bureau of Census of Population - (a) U.S. Bureau of Census - Federal 1990 Census  
(b) U.S. Bureau of Census Revision, March 18, 1992 (c) U.S. Bureau of Census - Federal 2000 Census

(2) Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor

(3) Annual debt charges are covenanted to be appropriated annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**RATIO OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Debt Principal</u>	<u>Interest and Fiscal Charges</u>	<u>Total Bonded Debt Service (1)</u>	<u>General Governmental Expenditures (2)</u>	<u>Debt Service to General Governmental Expenditures</u>
1991	\$1,120,000	\$521,325	\$1,641,325	\$14,814,006	11.08%
1992	1,120,000	481,876	1,601,876	15,416,224	10.39%
1993	1,120,000	525,827	1,645,827	16,612,069	9.91%
1994	1,475,000	557,231	2,032,231	18,110,384	11.22%
1995	1,475,000	496,958	1,971,958	19,858,642	9.93%
1996	2,050,000	585,197	2,635,197	20,697,360	12.73%
1997	2,050,000	451,926	2,501,926	22,644,807	11.05%
1998	2,050,000	340,756	2,390,756	23,784,178	10.05%
1999	2,050,000	252,022	2,302,022	28,981,533	7.94%
2000	1,350,000	210,466	1,560,466	24,337,430	6.41%

(1) Includes Debt Principal, Interest and Fiscal Charges.

(2) Excludes Operating Transfers-Out.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**COMPUTATION OF ALL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable to City of Blue Ash (2)</u>	<u>Amount Applicable to City of Blue Ash</u>
<b>Direct</b>			
City of Blue Ash (1)	\$14,180,000	100.00%	\$14,180,000
<b>Overlapping Subdivisions</b>			
Sycamore Community School District	47,223,599	50.39%	23,795,972
Princeton City School District	0	2.02%	0
Great Oaks Joint Vocational School District	8,850,000	5.60%	495,600
Hamilton County	130,065,000	4.44%	5,774,886
		Subtotal	30,066,458
		Total	<u>\$44,246,458</u>

The percentage of gross indebtedness of the city's overlapping political subdivisions was determined by dividing each overlapping subdivision's assessed value within the City by its total assessed value.

- (1) Annual debt charges are covenanted to be appropriated annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes.
- (2) Decimal places have been rounded to the nearest hundredth for presentation.

Source: Ohio Municipal Advisory Council.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO  
DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS  
LAST TEN YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population (1)</u>	<u>School Enrollment (2)</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate Cincinnati Metropolitan Area (3)</u>
1991	11,860 (a)	5,754	5.0%
1992	11,923 (b)	5,870	5.5%
1993	11,923 (b)	5,933	5.4%
1994	11,923 (b)	6,073	4.4%
1995	11,923 (b)	5,705	4.2%
1996	11,923 (b)	6,240	4.5%
1997	11,923 (b)	6,118	3.6%
1998	11,923 (b)	6,192	3.4%
1999	11,923 (b)	6,079	3.4%
2000	12,513 (c)	5,891	3.8%

(1) Source: U.S. Bureau of Census of Population - (a) U.S. Bureau of Census - Federal 1990 Census  
(b) U.S. Bureau of Census Revision, March 18, 1992 (c) U.S. Bureau of Census - Federal 2000 Census

(2) Source: Sycamore Community School District, Board of Education  
Includes total Sycamore Community School District, a portion of which is located outside the City of Blue Ash.

(3) Source: Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**PROPERTY VALUE, CONSTRUCTION AND BANK DEPOSITS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Residential (1)</b>		<b>Commercial (1)</b>		<b>Bank Deposits (2) (in Thousands)</b>
	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Property Value</b>	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Property Value</b>	
1991	135	\$12,992,878	664	\$44,012,617	\$11,745,003
1992	206	5,164,522	553	27,763,593	13,500,357
1993	183	3,966,094	585	15,598,216	15,290,052
1994	213	8,344,727	658	24,367,109	17,301,493
1995	205	3,511,468	569	13,255,821	18,661,138
1996	175	4,637,008	588	22,089,526	21,598,936
1997	180	5,566,446	692	26,184,190	18,070,437
1998	185	6,024,905	564	27,970,404	24,305,322
1999	183	6,344,046	451	33,417,090	41,302,569
2000	157	5,024,456	430	53,781,171	76,137,192

(1) Source: City of Blue Ash Building Department.

(2) Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland - amounts are for Hamilton County.



**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS (PROPERTY TAX)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2000 Assessed Valuation (Tax Duplicate)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
1. Duke Realty Ltd Partnership	\$24,636,320	3.21%
2. The Procter and Gamble Company	15,286,400	1.99%
3. Cinergy	14,308,630	1.86%
4. Ethicon, Inc.	9,114,360	1.19%
5. Duke-Weeks Realty	6,772,460	0.88%
6. Hills Real Estate Group	5,946,000	0.77%
7. Harold R. Silverman Trust	5,800,780	0.76%
8. Cincinnati Bell Telephone	5,326,160	0.69%
9. Knickerbocker Properties	5,232,520	0.68%
10. Blue Ash Embassy Suites	5,223,160	0.68%
Sub-Total	97,646,790	12.71%
All Others	670,374,260	87.29%
Total	\$768,021,050	100.00%

Source: Hamilton County, Ohio: County Auditor.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO  
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Number of Employees *</u>
1. The Procter and Gamble Company	2,912
2. Ethicon, Inc.	1,542
3. Ingersoll-Rand (Steelcraft)	1,140
4. Fidelity Investments	1,005
5. Belcan Engineering Services	581
6. LSI Industries, Inc.	489
7. Time Warner	420
8. Sermatech Lehr	390
9. Marchfirst (Whittman-Hart)	325
10. University of Cincinnati	325

\* Full-time Equivalents.  
Source: City of Blue Ash City Manager's Office.

**CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO**  
**MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Date of Incorporation	1955 (Village)	1961 (City)	
Form of Government	Charter (adopted 1961, last amended 1989)		
Area	7.7 Square Miles		587
Miles of Streets	62.15 (148.3 Lane Miles)		
Number of Street Lights (per Light bill)	1,049		18 Holes
Police Protection:			10
Number of Stations	1		1
Number of Policemen and Officers	37		
Fire/Emergency Medical Services:			
Number of Stations	2		143
Number of Full-time Officers and Firefighter/Paramedics	24		
Number of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedics	20		
Education (K-12) (Public Only) *			7
Number of Schools			315
Number of Classrooms			500
Number of Teachers			5,891
Number of Students			

\* Total School District data provided by the Sycamore Community School District.



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**CITY OF BLUE ASH**

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JULY 24, 2001**