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**Town of Paden
P. O. Box 208
Tishomingo, Mississippi 38873**

December 22, 2016

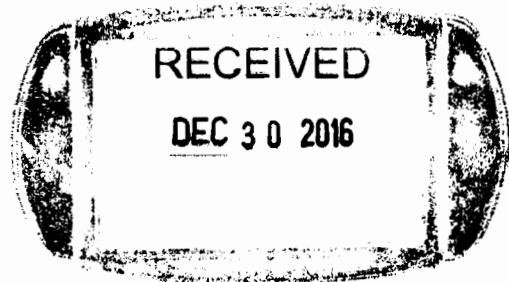
Office of the State Auditor
Technical Assistance Division
PO Box 956
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

RE: Application for Exemption from Audit

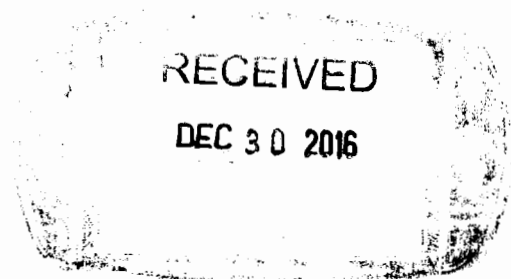
Accompanying this letter is the Application for Exemption from Audit for the Town of Paden, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. A separate management letter was not written to the town in connection with this compilation.

Sincerely,

Joni Harper
Town Clerk



Town of Paden
Application for Exemption from Audit
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

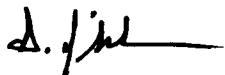
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Paden, Mississippi

I have compiled the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Town of Paden for the year ending September 30, 2016 included in the accompanying prescribed form. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by the Mississippi State Department of Audit.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Mississippi State Department of Audit and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

These financial statements (including related disclosures) are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Mississippi State Department of Audit, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mississippi State Department of Audit and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.



David L. Nichols
Certified Public Accountant PC

December 22, 2016

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT-FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH REVENUES OR
EXPENDITURES OF \$100,000 OR LESS**

NAME OF GOVERNMENT:	Town of Paden PO Box 208 Tishomingo, Mississippi 38873	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016
ADDRESS:		
CONTACT PERSON:	Joni Harper	
TELEPHONE:	662-438-6628	
E-MAIL:		
FAX:		

Return to: State of Mississippi Office of the State Auditor Technical Assistance Division PO Box 956 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 FAX: 601-576-2750 Email: tech@osa.ms.gov Call 800-321-1275 if you need help completing this form.	RECEIVED DEC 30 2016
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Regulations issued by the Office of the State Auditor explain the requirement to apply for an exemption from audit.

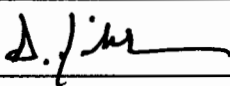
If total revenues or expenditures are \$100,000 or less, you may use this form.

Instructions:

In order to ensure that your government's application will be accepted by the Office of the State Auditor, you must do the following:

1. Prepare this form completely and accurately. Please note that there are seven parts to this form and all questions must be answered for the application to be considered complete.
2. File this form with the Office of the State Auditor with **3 months** after the end of the fiscal year. For years ended September 30, the form **must** be in the Office of the State Auditor by December 31.
3. The form **must** be completed by a person skilled in governmental accounting.
4. The application may be **mailed, faxed, or emailed** as indicated above. If faxed or emailed, a resolution of the governing board **must** accompany the application from exemption from audit in a format that includes the signatures of a majority of the governing body (see sample resolution). If mailed, an original plus one copy should be sent.
5. The **preparer must sign** the application that is submitted in order for it to be accepted.
6. Additional information may be attached to the exemption at the preparer's discretion.

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

1-1 Name: David L. Nichols	Title: CPA		
1-2 Firm name (if applicable)	David L. Nichols CPA PC		
1-3 Address:	PO Box 402 Iuka, Mississippi 38852		
1-4 Date prepared:	December 22, 2016	Telephone number:	662-423-5057
1-5 Signature: 			
The person that completes this form must be skilled in governmental accounting. (Skilled means possessing sufficient knowledge of governmental accounting to complete the exemption form.) 1-6 Are you a person skilled in governmental accounting? If no, this exemption will be rejected.		Check One	
		Yes	No
		X	

PART 2 - REVENUE (Receipts-Cash Basis)

REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment and proceeds from debt or lease transactions.

Description	(Omit cents)
2-1 Taxes:	
2-2 Property	\$1,941
2-3 Sales	2,113
2-4 Franchise	1,299
2-5 Licenses and permits	104
2-6 Intergovernmental	2,723
2-7 Fines	
2-8 Investment earnings	24
2-9 Payments in lieu of taxes	436
2-10 Drug forfeitures	
2-11 Charges for utility services	4,960
2-12 Debt proceeds	
2-13 Lease proceeds	
2-14 Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	
2-15 Other (specify)	
2-16 Rent	16,000
2-17 Refunds	500
2-18	
2-19	
2-20	
2-21 TOTAL REVENUE	\$30,100

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES (Disbursements-Cash Basis)

EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section including the purchase of fixed and movable assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt.

Description	(Omit cents)
3-1 Administrative	\$1,116
3-2 Salaries	8,650
3-3 Payroll taxes	740
3-4 Contract services	
3-5 Employee benefits	
3-6 Insurance	2,908
3-7 Accounting and legal	1,060
3-8 Repair and maintenance	3,586
3-9 Supplies	720
3-10 Utilities and telephone	2,891
3-11 Police	
3-12 Fire	
3-13 Streets and highways	6,325
3-14 Public health	
3-15 Culture and recreation	
3-16 Utility operations	1,440
3-17 Capital outlay	
3-18 Debt service principal	
3-19 Debt service interest	
3-20 Contribution to pension plan	
3-21 Other (specify)	
3-22	
3-23	
3-24	
3-25 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,436

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED AND RETIRED

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box.

		Yes	No
4-1	Do you have outstanding debt?		X
If yes:	Is the debt repayment schedule attached?		
	Please complete the following debt schedule.	Beginning Balance	Issued this Year
	General obligation bonds		
	Revenue bonds		
	Notes/loans		\$0
	Leases		
	Other		
Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box.		Yes	No
4-2	Does the municipality have any authorized, but unissued debt?		X
If yes:	If yes, how much?		
	What is the authorization date?		
4-3	Does the municipality intend to issue debt within the next fiscal year?		X
If yes:	If yes, how much?		

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.

		Checking	Savings	Cert of Dep	Total
5-1	Cash deposits	\$50,951			\$50,951
5-2	Investments	0			0
5-3					
5-4					
5-5					
5-6					
5-7	Total investments	0	0	0	0
5-8	Total Cash and Investments	\$50,951	\$0	\$0	\$50,951
Please answer the following question by marking the appropriate box.		Yes	No		
5-9	Are your deposits in an eligible public depository? (Sec. 27-105-5 and 27-105-353)	X			
5-10	If no, please explain:				

PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box.

		Yes	No
6-1	Do you have land, buildings, and/or equipment?	X	
6-2	Have you prepared an inventory of your land, buildings, and/or equipment?		X
	If no, please explain:		
	Unable to identify and value.		
	Complete the following table:	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
	Land		
	Buildings		
	Machinery and equipment		
	Furniture and fixtures		
	Other (explain):		

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PART 7 - BUDGET

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box.

Yes No

7-1	Did the municipality approve a budget for the fiscal year end?	X	
7-2	If no, please explain:		
If yes:	Please indicate the amount appropriated for each of your funds for the fiscal year.		
	Fund Name	Budgeted fiscal year end 2016 Expenditures	
	General	23,975	
	Garbage	6,380	

PART 8 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box.


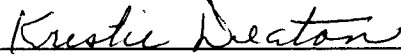
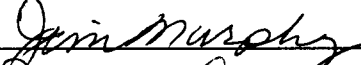

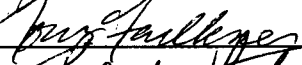
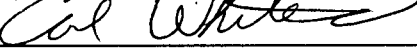
Yes No

8-1	Has the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire been completed, adopted by the board and now a part of your minutes? If no, please explain:	X	
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PART 9 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

We, the undersigned, certify that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been:
 Prepared consistent with regulations by OSA, which states that an Application with revenues or expenditures of \$100,000 or less **must** be prepared by a person skilled in governmental accounting;
 Completed to the best of our knowledge and is **accurate and true**;
 Reviewed and approved by a majority of the governing body.

Note: Please list all current members of the governing body. In addition, original signatures **must** be provided for a majority of those listed.

	Name (please print or type all current member of the governing body)	Date Term Expires	Signature
9-1	Pam Oswalt	2017	
9-2	Kristy Deaton	2017	
9-3	James Murphy	2017	
9-4	Jean Luttrell	2017	
9-5	Tony Faulkner	2017	
9-6	Carl Whitehead	2017	
9-7			
9-8			

