

**BEFORE USING THE ENCLOSED SCHEDULES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Completing the steps below will populate the heading for each of the attached schedules.

1. Enter the City/Town Name:

TOWN OF FREDONIA TENTATIVE BUDGET

General Instructions

2. Select the Budget Year:

2020

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Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§42-17101 and 42-17102 require cities and towns to prepare annual budgets on forms the Auditor General's Office developed. The official forms on Schedules A through G include all elements statute requires that the cities and towns **must** include in their budget. **Please note, a city or town may choose to add more information or detail than statute requires within the official budget forms.**

The budget form has a drop-down field to select the budget year and the instructions do not include specific dates as they are not issued annually. As used in these instructions, the term "**current year**" is the fiscal year in which the city or town is operating, and "**budget year**" is the fiscal year for which the city or town is budgeting. Cities and towns should use the budget schedules dated 4/19 for fiscal year 2020 and thereafter. As changes become necessary, we will post new forms on our website and notify cities and towns of the changes by email.

Linked instructions for completing the schedules are included on the Instructions tab. Links to the related instructions and specific line numbers or section titles have been included throughout the schedules (highlighted in light blue) to allow users to access the specific line instructions directly without the need to scroll through other instructions. An Instructions button is provided at the top of each schedule, unless no additional instructions are needed to complete that sheet. This button links to the first instruction for that schedule and users may scroll down to view all instructions for the schedule. **To return to the related schedule after reviewing the instructions, simply click on the schedule's tab at the bottom of the Excel screen or press the Alt and back arrow keys.** The schedules have been set to print without "objects" so that the instructions buttons do not print. The light blue highlighting will print and users may remove the highlights before printing if needed.

**Protection/Unprotection of File:**

Each spreadsheet within the file has been protected to prevent accidental deletion of formulas. When the sheet is protected, you can move from one cell to the next using the Tab key. A password was not assigned so the sheets may be unprotected to make minor formatting changes such as row height, column width, and font size. To unprotect an individual spreadsheet, select Protect/Unprotect Sheet from the menu.

You may need to add lines to Schedules C through G to accommodate all funds or departments involved. Remember to check all formulas in the subtotals and totals to ensure that any additional lines added are included, and make changes accordingly. Once changes have been made, the sheet should be re-protected by reversing the above process. Re-protecting the sheets will help ensure that formulas are not accidentally altered or deleted.

**Printing Tips:**

Schedule A can be printed on 1 page in landscape format with the "fit to 1 page wide by 1 page tall" option (Page Setup) selected. Schedules B through F can be printed in portrait format. Schedule G can be printed in landscape format. Schedules with multiple pages are formatted to print with the column headings on each page.

If you have any questions, please contact the Accounting Services Division at [asd@azauditor.gov](mailto:asd@azauditor.gov) or (602) 553-0333.



