

The Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans
Article IX

Sec. 9-401. Office of Inspector General.

- (1) The Council shall by ordinance create an Office of Inspector General (OIG) and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

- (2) The OIG shall provide for a full-time program of investigation, audit, inspections, and performance review to provide increased accountability and oversight of entities of city government or entities receiving funds through the city, and to assist in improving agency operations and deterring and identifying, fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts. The OIG is specifically authorized to conduct audits of City entities. The OIG shall also provide for an Independent Police Monitor Division, charged with monitoring the operations of the New Orleans Police Department, particularly in the areas of civilian and internally-generated complaints, internal investigations, discipline, significant uses of force, and in-custody deaths.

- (3) The OIG, in conjunction with the Ethics Review Board, shall receive an annual appropriation from the Council in an amount not less than .75% (three-quarters of one percent) of the General Fund operating budget, adopted pursuant to Section 3-115(2), which individual appropriation may not be vetoed by the Mayor, notwithstanding the Mayor's authority pursuant to Section 3-113(4) to disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation, and also notwithstanding the Mayor's authority pursuant to Section 3-113(2) to disapprove any ordinance in its entirety. The Council may by ordinance, adopted by unanimous vote of a quorum, provide for deviation from this percentage in cases of natural disaster or other extreme circumstances. Of the budget percentage specified in this paragraph, an amount shall be allocated for the operation of the Ethics Review Board adequate to implement its functions efficiently and effectively.

- (4) The OIG may retain special counsel notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4-403 of this Charter.