

### State Board of Accounts - An Overview

- Organized by law in 1909 as "Department of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices
- In 1945, the rights, duties, and powers were transferred to the State Board of Accounts
- · Indiana State Board of Accounts
  - ➤ 3 member board consisting of a State Examiner and 2 Deputy State Examiners
  - ➤ Current total staff of 229

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### **Audit Coordinators:**

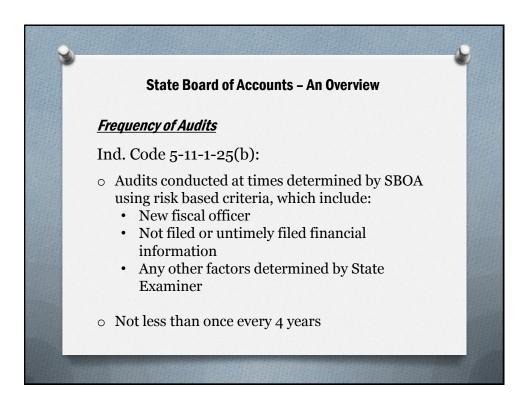
• Schedule audits, assign staff, and supervise overall audit projects

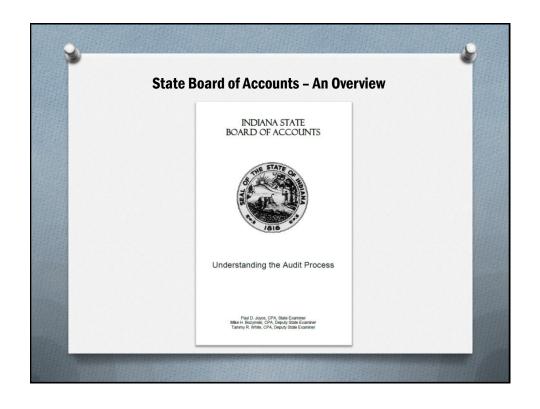
### **Audit Managers**

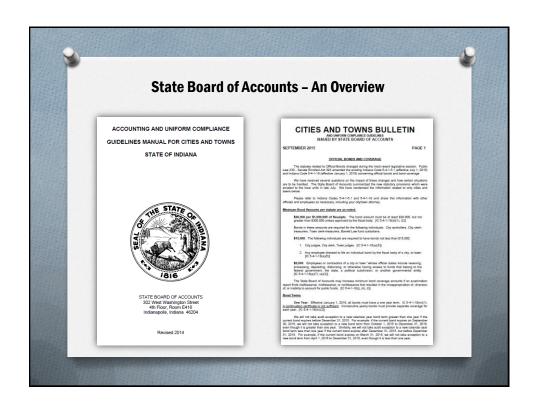
· Manage audit projects

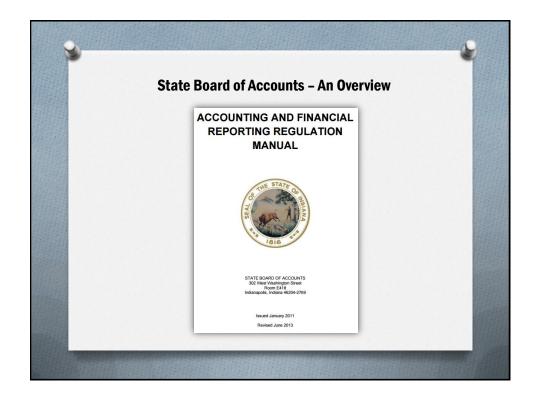
### Audit staff

- · On-site audit team
- · Lead Auditor and field examiners





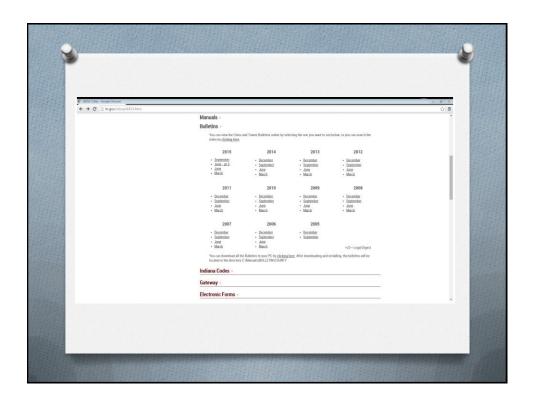


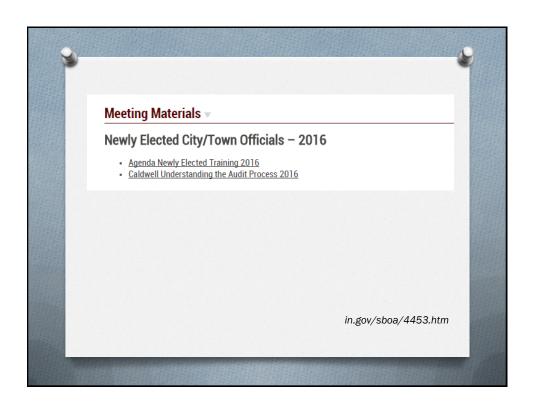


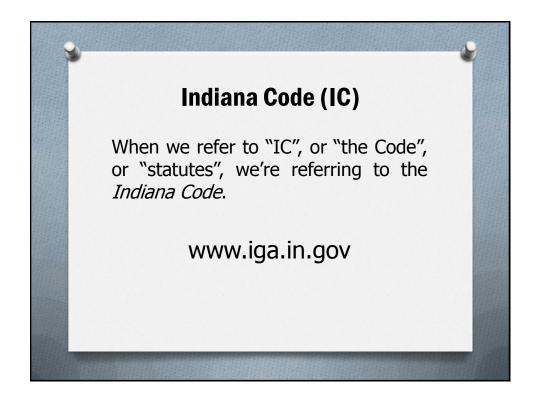


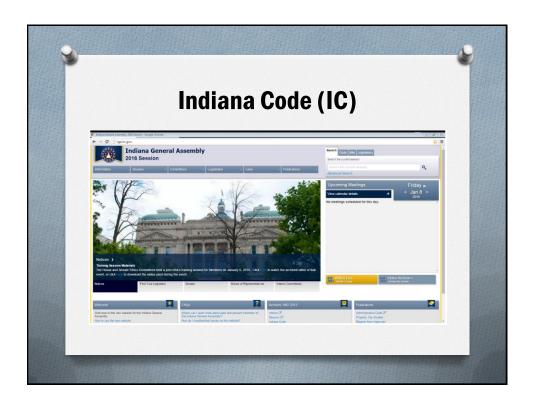


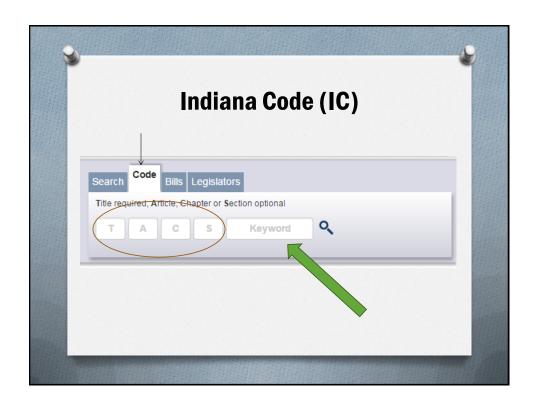


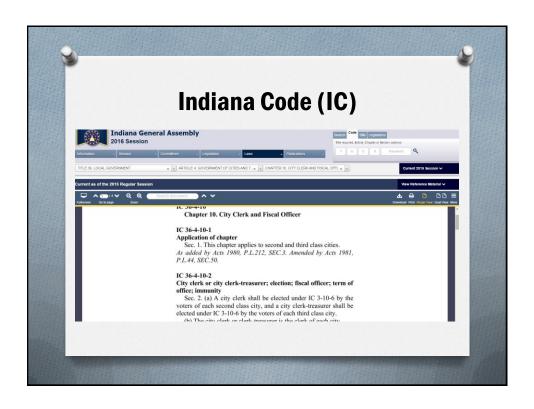


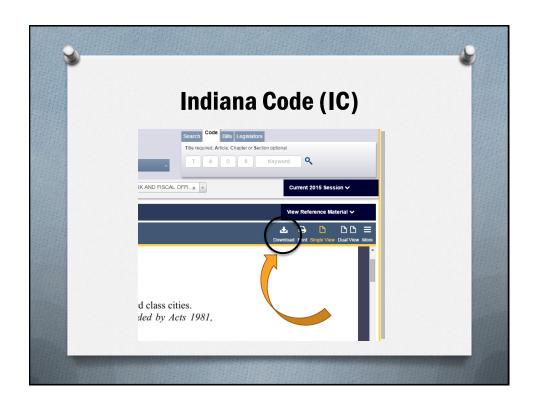


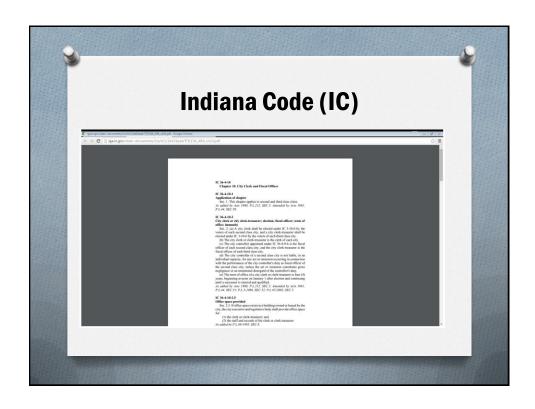


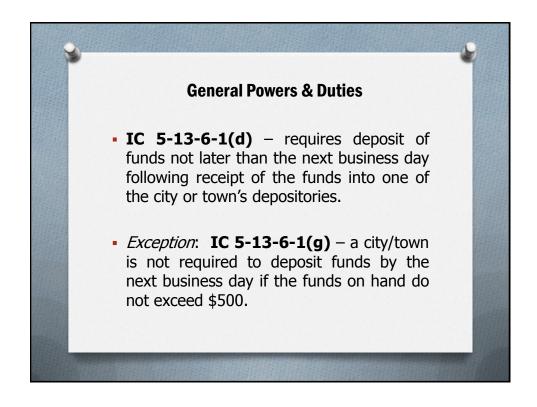












### **General Powers & Duties**

- **IC 5-13-6-1(e)** requires reconcilement at least monthly the balance disclosed in your records with the bank statements provided by your financial institutions.
- Without such a reconcilement, you won't truly be able to know how much money your city/town has available.
- Needed to make good financial decisions.

### **General Powers & Duties**

- IC 5-13-5-2 all disbursements of public funds must be made by check (warrant) drawn upon depositories which shall be signed by the public officers authorized to sign in their official capacity.
- No other individual has the authority to sign in place of the fiscal officer.
- Only your Deputy can sign on your behalf.

### Other Statutory Duties

IC 36-4-10-4.5

Clerk-Treasurers: 3rd class Cities

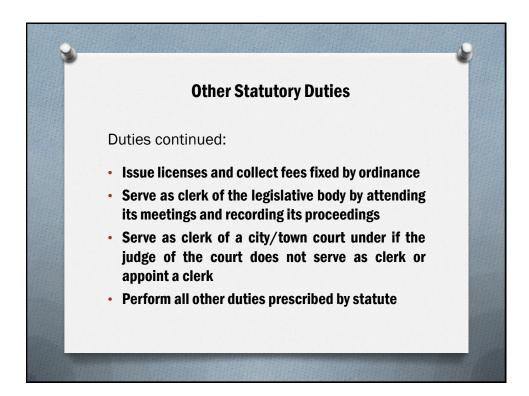
IC 36-4-10-5

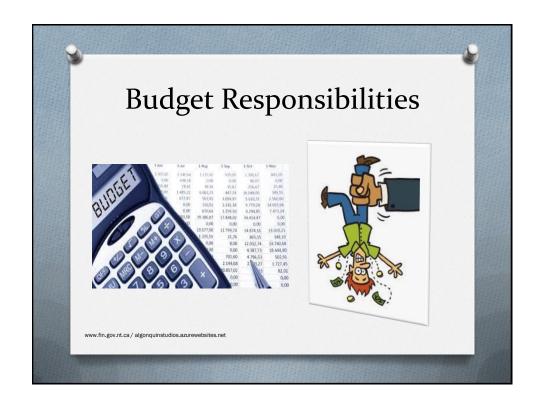
Controllers: 2<sup>nd</sup> class Cities

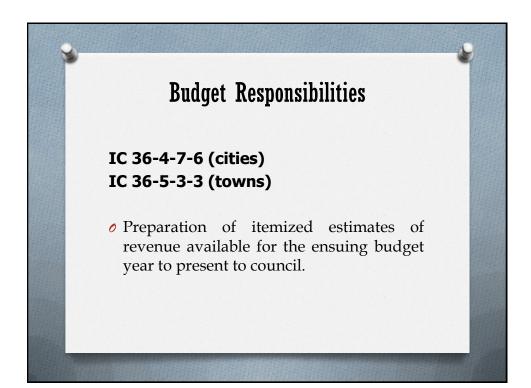
IC 36-5-6-6

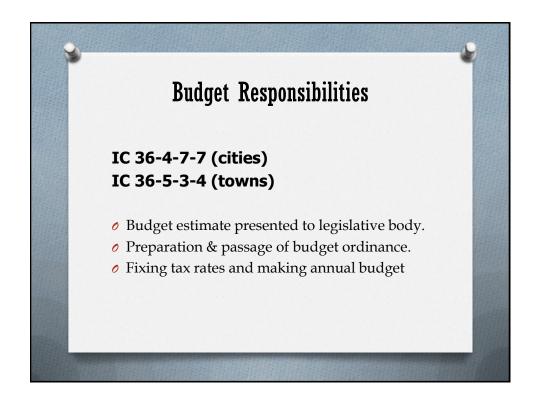
Clerk-Treasurers: Towns

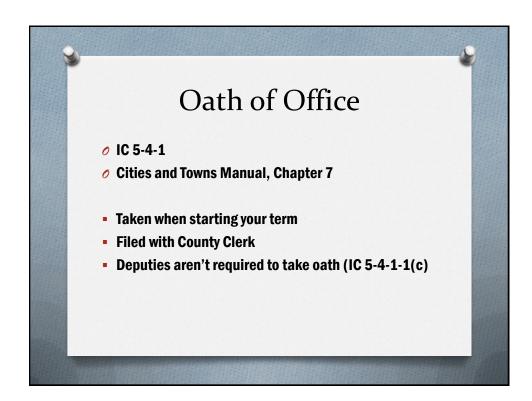
# Other Statutory Duties As a City of Town fiscal officer, duties include: Receive and care for all city/town money Keep accounts showing receipts & disbursements Prescribe payroll and account forms for all offices Prescribe the manner in which creditors, officers, and employees are paid. Prepare budget estimates

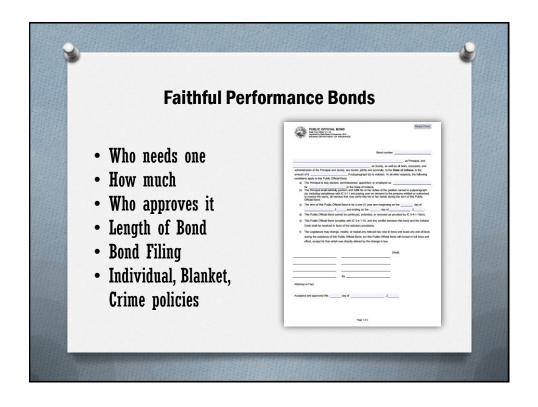












# Faithful Performance Bonds Who needs one

IC 5-4-1-18(a) states who must have official bond coverage, including:

- City controllers
- · City clerks
- City or Town clerk-treasurers
- Those employees directed to file a bond by the fiscal body of a city or town

and

# Faithful Performance Bonds Who needs one (continued)

### IC 5-4-1-18(a) continued:

 Individuals who are employees or contractors and whose official duties include receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds that belong to the city or town

# Faithful Performance Bonds How much

IC 5-4-1-18(d) provides for the amount of coverage required for fiscal officers:

- > \$30,000 coverage for each \$1,000,000 of receipts during the preceding year.
- May not be less than \$30,000 and not more than \$300,000

# Faithful Performance Bonds How much

IC 5-4-1-18(e)(2) provides for the amount of coverage required for those other individual employees and contractors whose official duties include access to public funds:

> Not less than \$5,000

# Faithful Performance Bonds Who approves them

### IC 5-4-1-8 - Approval of bond:

- ✓ Mayor approves for all city officers
- Council approves for town clerktreasurers and town marshals

# Faithful Performance Bonds *Length of Bond*

IC 5-4-1-18(m)-

Both of the following apply to a bond that is filed under this section:

- (1) Each bond must have a term of one (1)
  year commencing on the first day of the
  calendar year;
- (2) Consecutive yearly bonds filed by an individual must provide separate coverage for each year. The aggregate liability of the surety or insurer for a policy year is the sum of the amounts specified in the bonds issued by the surety or insurer for that policy year

### Faithful Performance Bonds Bond Filing

IC 5-4-1-5.1 – bonds shall be filed within 10 days of issuance with:

- The County Recorder
- The fiscal officer of the political subdivision

In addition, a copy of the bond shall be filed with the State Board of Accounts with the filing of the electronic annual financial report (in Gateway) [IC 5-4-1-5.1(e)]

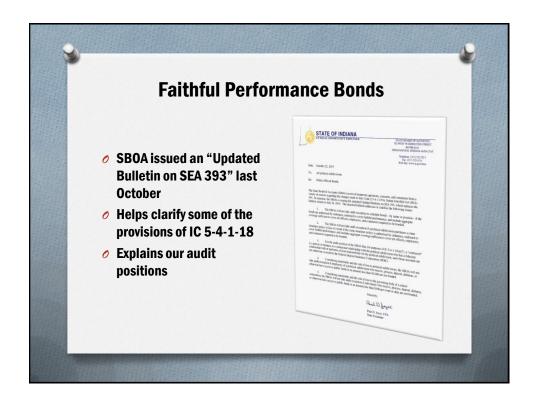
## Faithful Performance Bonds Blanket Bonds & Crime Policies

Blanket Bonds and Crime Insurance Policies are permitted under IC 5-4-1-18(b)

Our audit position is we will not take written exception if:

- Authorized by ordinance
- > Endorsed to cover faithful performance
- Includes aggregate coverage sufficient for all required to be bonded

# Faithful Performance Bonds Miscellaneous All official bonds shall be payable to the State of Indiana (IC 5-4-1-10) For the sole purpose of recovering public funds on behalf of a city or town, the State is considered an additional named insured on all crime insurance policies - another new addition to IC 5-4-1-18(c)



### Indiana Open Door Law - Public Meetings

Applicable statutes and procedures in C&T Manual, Chapter 7, starting on page 53-1

- Board meetings are governed by the Open Door Law, IC 5-14-1.5
- Under the Open Door Law, all meetings of governing boards must be open to the public except for executive sessions.



### Indiana Open Door Law – Public Meetings

Executive Sessions – IC 5-14-1.5-6.1:

The specific circumstances under which an executive session can be held are in IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

- Notice must include statutory purpose(s) for the meeting
- Meeting minutes must include certification that only the topics permitted under the Open Door Law were discussed
- No votes or final actions may be taken; final action required in a public meeting

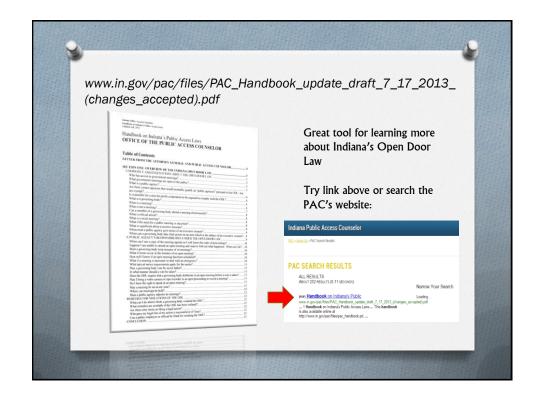
### Indiana Open Door Law - Public Meetings

### **Minutes of Meetings:**

The memoranda (minutes) of a public meeting shall include (IC 5-14-1.5-4):

- ✓ Date, time, and place of the meeting
- ✓ The members present and the members absent
- √ The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided,
- ✓ A record of votes taken by individual members if there is a roll call







# Appointment of Office Personnel IC 36-4-11-4 - City Clerk: "The city clerk may appoint the number of deputies and employees authorized by the city legislative body. The clerk's deputies and employees serve at his pleasure."

### **Appointment of Office Personnel**

### **IC 36-4-11-5 – City Controller:**

"The city legislative body may, by ordinance, authorize the city fiscal officer to appoint a deputy. The fiscal officer is responsible for the official acts of his deputy."

### **Appointment of Office Personnel**

### IC 36-4-10-7(b) - City Clerk-Treasurer:

"The clerk shall appoint the number of deputies and employees needed for the effective operation of the office, with the approval of the city legislative body. The clerk's deputies and employees serve at the clerk's pleasure"

### **Appointment of Office Personnel**

### IC 36-4-10-7(c) - City Clerk-Treasurer:

"If a city owns a utility and the clerk is directly responsible for the billing and collection of that utility's rates and charges, the clerk shall appoint those employees who are also responsible for that billing and collection. These employees serve at the clerk's pleasure"

### **Appointment of Office Personnel**

### IC 36-5-6-7(a) - Town Clerk-Treasurer:

"The clerk-treasurer shall appoint the number of deputies and employees needed for the effective operation of the office, with the approval of the town legislative body. The clerk-treasurer's deputies and employees serve at the clerk-treasurer's pleasure"

### **Appointment of Office Personnel**

### IC 36-5-6-7(b) - Town Clerk-Treasurer:

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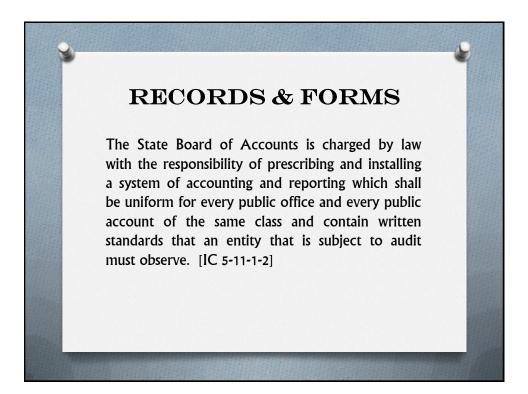
### **Office Space**

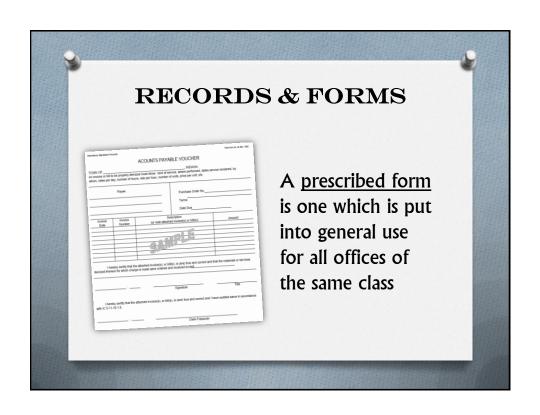
City fiscal officers: IC 34-4-10-2.5

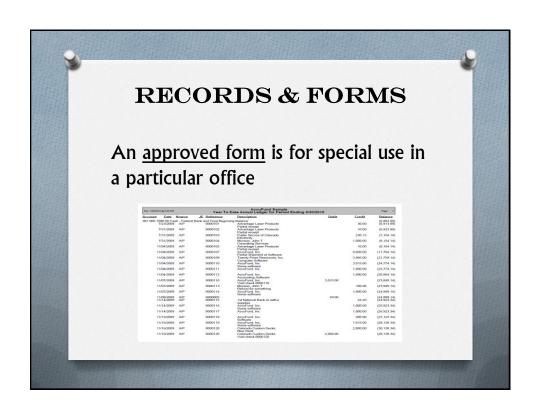
"If office space exists in a building owned or leased by the city, the city executive and legislative body shall provide office space for:

- (1) the clerk or clerk-treasurer; and
- (2) the staff and records of the clerk or clerk-treasurer."

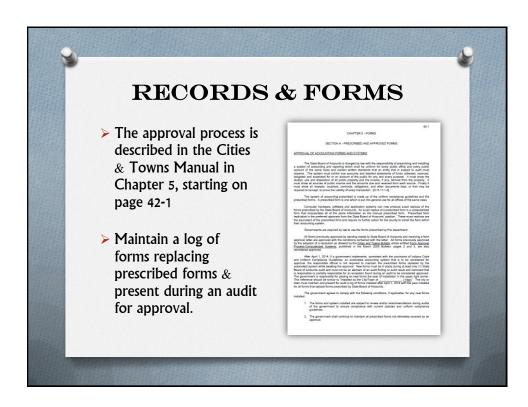
Town Clerk-Treasurer: IC 36-5-6-5.1

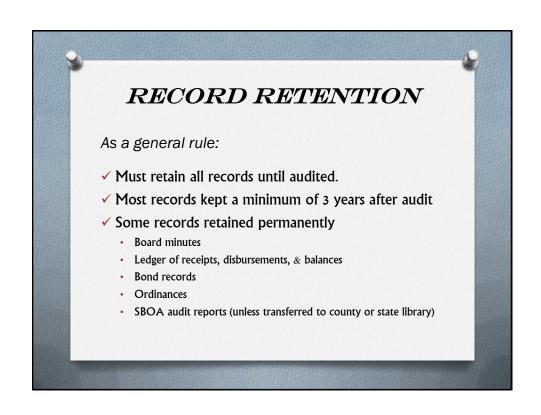






# RECORDS & FORMS Cities and towns are required to use the forms prescribed or approved by the State Board of Accounts in the manner set forth by the Manual and/or Bulletins. If it is desirable to use a different form or to have a prescribed form modified to conform to your local conditions, you can have the form "approved".



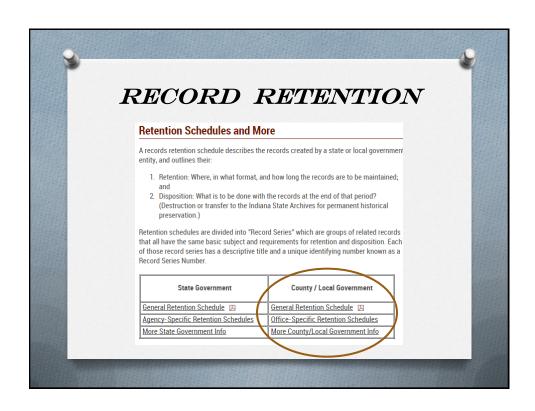














### **Home Rule Ordinances**

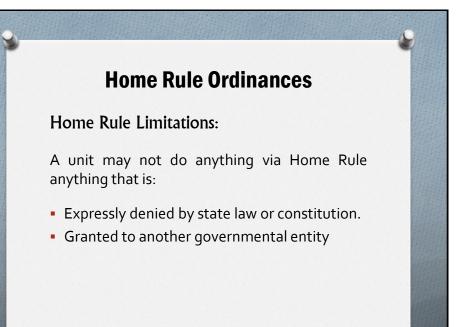
### Home Rule:

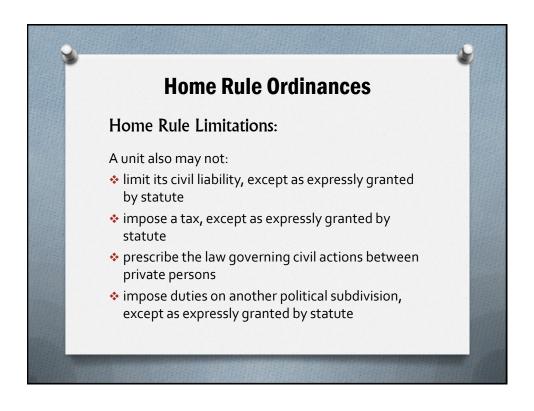
- IC 36-1-3
- Power to do something not already permitted by statute
- Not intended to permit a unit to do whatever it wants – so there are limitations.

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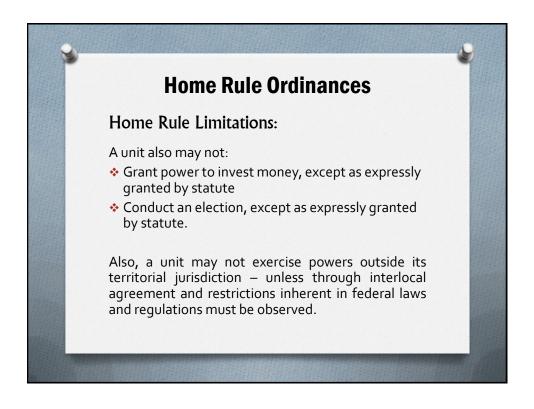
### Home Rule Adoption:

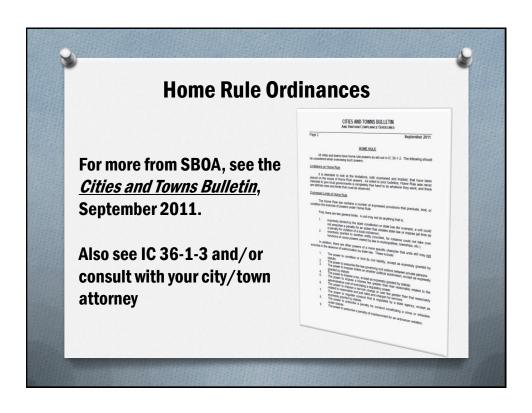
- When: Whenever it is necessary to exercise any power, perform any function, or provide a service and the laws and constitution don't prohibit you and there is no law setting out any procedures.
- Adoption: Ordinance must be <u>specific</u>. Council adopts; your attorney will need to be involved.

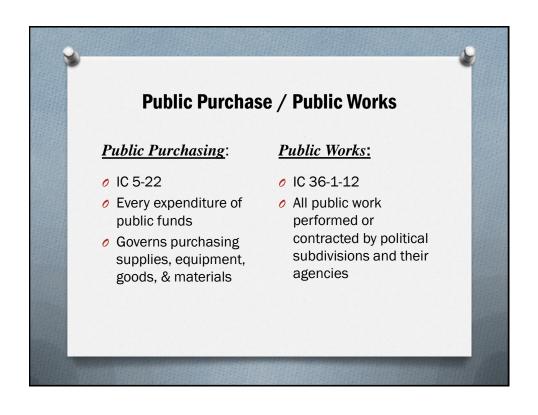












### **Public Purchases - IC 5-22**

### General Rule:

- Less than \$50,000: city/town's written rules and policies apply. [quotes/bids not required]
  - in.gov/sboa/files/Best\_Practices\_\_SMALL\_PURCHASES.pdf
- \$50,000 \$150,000: invite quotes from 3 vendors

### **Public Purchases - IC 5-22**

### Exceptions:

- ✓ Requests for Proposals (RFP) IC 5-22-9
- ✓ Special Purchases listed in **IC 5-22-10**
- ✓ Purchases from Nonprofit **IC 5-22-13**
- ✓ Purchase of Services IC 5-22-2
- ✓ Small Business Set-Aside IC 5-22-14

### Public Works - IC 36-1-12

- The term "public work" means the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or renovation of a public building, airport facility, or other structure that is paid for out of a public fund or out of a special assessment.
- Applies whenever the cost of a public work project is estimated to be \$150,000 or more.

### Public Works - IC 36-1-12

### General Rules:

- Plans and specifications
- Notice bids to be accepted
- Bids opened at public meeting
- Award contract to the lowest responsible & responsive bidder

