

Whereas	Primary Government Unit COUNTY OF ASHE
and	Discretely Presented Component Unit (DPCU) (if applicable) N/A
and	Auditor PRISCILLA L NORRIS, CPA

entered into a contract in which the Auditor agreed to audit the accounts of the Primary Government Unit and DPCU (if applicable)

for	Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/25	and originally to be submitted to the LGC on	Date 02/12/26
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hereby agree that it is now necessary that the contract be modified as follows.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification to date submitted to LGC	Original date 02/12/26	Modified date 02/13/26
	Original fee	Modified fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Modification to fee		

Reason(s) for Contract Amendment

Primary (choose 1) Other (choose 0-2)

- Change in scope
- Issue with unit staff/turnover/workload
- Issue with auditor staff/turnover/workload
- Third-party financial statements not prepared by agreed-upon date
- Unit did not have bank reconciliations complete for the audit period
- Unit did not have reconciliations between subsidiary ledgers and general ledger complete
- Unit did not post previous years adjusting journal entries resulting in incorrect beginning balances in the general ledger
- Unit did not have information required for audit complete by the agreed-upon time
- Delay in component unit reports
- Software - implementation issue
- Software - system failure
- Software - ransomware/cyberattack
- Natural or other disaster
- Other (please explain)

Plan to Prevent Future Late Submissions

If the amendment is submitted to modify the date the audit will be submitted to the LGC, please indicate the steps the unit and auditor will take to prevent late filing of audits in subsequent years. Audits are due six months after fiscal year end (ten months after fiscal year end for housing authorities). Indicate NA if this is an amendment due to a change in cost only.

As explained in the FPIC response, the original due date of 12/31/25 was extended to 2/12/26 as allowed for the late release of the 2025 Compliance Supplement. Since that time, severe winter weather (including a significant ice storm) resulted in closures for both County offices and the auditor's office. (See additional information.)

Additional Information

Please provide any additional explanation or details regarding the contract modification.

The auditor's office was also impacted by the death of a family member of a key staff employee. Despite these unforeseen circumstances, the audit staff worked extended hours to complete the audit and ultimately submitted the report on February 13, 2026, one day past the extended deadline.

By their signatures on the following pages, the Auditor, the Primary Government Unit, and the DPCU (if applicable), agree to these modified terms.

SIGNATURE PAGE

AUDIT FIRM

Audit Firm*	
PRISCILLA L NORRIS, CPA	
Authorized Firm Representative* (typed or printed)	Signature*
PRISCILLA L NORRIS	<i>Priscilla L Norris</i>
Date*	Email Address
03/16/26	norriscpa@skybest.com

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit*	
COUNTY OF ASHE	
Date Primary Government Unit Governing Board Approved Amended Audit Contract* (If required by governing board policy)	
Mayor/Chairperson* (typed or printed)	Signature*
TODD MCNEILL	
Date	Email Address
	toddmcneill@ashecountygov.com

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
N/A	
Date	Email Address

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

ONLY REQUIRED IF FEES ARE MODIFIED IN THE AMENDED CONTRACT

(Pre-audit certificate not required for hospitals)

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1)

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Primary Governmental Unit Finance Officer*	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address*

**SIGNATURE PAGE – DPCU
(complete only if applicable)**

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

DPCU N/A	
Date DPCU Governing Board Approved Amended Audit Contract (If required by governing board policy)	
DPCU Chairperson (typed or printed)	Signature
Date	Email Address

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
Date	Email Address

DPCU – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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DPCU Finance Officer (typed or printed)	Signature
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate	Email Address