

# CITY OF ARCHER

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Deanna Alltop

November 19, 2024

Board of County Commissioners  
12 SE 1st Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
[bocc@alachuacounty.us](mailto:bocc@alachuacounty.us)

Date: 11/20/24  
Received: Commission Office  
Copies to: BOCC, County Manager  
County Attorney, Gina Peebles  
Mark Sexton,

**Sent Via Electronic Mail to the Board of County Commissioners**

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Archer City Commission and staff. On November 5, 2024, we notified Governor DeSantis and the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee that we are in a financial emergency due to unpaid payroll taxes, letters are enclosed herewith.

We request assistance with finance, specific internal auditing. Our accountant abruptly resigned on October 31, 2024; we have hired Dallas Lee from the city of Newberry to assist us on a temporary basis until we can fill the position permanently. We are making progress with a plan to get the city's finances back on track.

The city is ready to move forward with revising our Land Development Code. We currently contract with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. We are requesting additional planning assistance to work in conjunction with NCFRPC and the city to complete this task. We do not have a planner on staff.

We may have additional requests for assistance, we will reach out to you as soon as they are identified.

We are confident that the city will overcome these challenges, and your assistance will contribute to our success. We appreciate your prompt attention to these matters and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Deanna Alltop  
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Office of Governor Ron DeSantis  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Archer. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 218.503 we are notifying your office that we are in a financial emergency.

The former city manager, Charles Hammond was terminated by the City Commission during an emergency meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for misconduct. I was appointed as interim city manager during that same meeting.

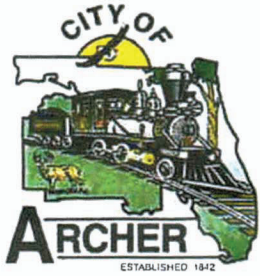
On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, our accountant, Cindy Thomas sent an email to our City Commission stating that the city's 941s had not been submitted to the IRS for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024. The city owes approximately \$178,000.00. I called the IRS on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, they instructed me that we had not filed the forms. We will be sending out the appropriate forms to the IRS by the end of the week. Once they receive the forms and process them, we will receive a notice with what we owe including penalties. At that time, we can start payment arrangements. We currently do not have the funds to pay these taxes.

Cindy Thomas resigned from the city on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Alltop  
Interim City Manager

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Claude Pepper Building  
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