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## City of Arlington Press Release

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### **City of Arlington Receives Clean Financial and Accountability Audits for 2018**

(Arlington, WA) – On September 16, 2019, the City of Arlington received notification from the Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) that the City has received clean financial and accountability audits for 2018.

Stated Mayor Tolbert, “We are pleased to hear that for the fourth year in a row the SAO issued a clean audit after reviewing the City’s finances, financial reporting, and accountability.”

The SAO reviewed the City’s financial condition and processes, as well as areas representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The auditors paid special attention to employee wages, leave balances and accruals; the City’s payroll and cash receipting system conversion; the use of restricted building and land use permit fees; water and sewer billings, collections, and adjustments; travel expenditures; and the City’s general financial condition and fiscal sustainability.

The audit reports highlighted the hard work by City staff to ensure compliance with all state financial reporting requirements and safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss, or abuse. The report states in part, “In those selected areas, City operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

The audit reports are available by visiting the City’s [website](#).

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