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Provided to:
Steve Austin, Clerk Treasurer
City of Clarkston
Clarkston, Washington

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This letter includes details of our recommendations related to Information Technology (IT) security matters identified during our accountability audit of the City of Clarkston from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

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IT Security Results

Management is responsible for safeguarding the accuracy and integrity of City's data. Risk assessments of information system processes and policies are a valuable tool in the protection of data and should be routinely updated.

Industry standards such as the Center for Internet Security (www.cisecurity.org) or National Institute of Standards and Technology (www.nist.gov) are common bases for policies and expectations.

Audit procedures were limited and did not constitute a comprehensive cybersecurity or application review. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

User Access (Exit item)

Based on the limited audit work performed, we identified the following deficiencies, the city does not:

- [REDACTED] [12]

- [REDACTED] [12]

We recommend the City:

- [REDACTED] [12]

Vendor Access (Exit item)

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- [REDACTED] [12]