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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

City of Ferndale

Whatcom County

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Mayor and City Council
City of Ferndale
Ferndale, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on the City of Ferndale's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the City's financial condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy
State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

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