

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

June 12, 2025

Diana DiZoglio
Auditor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts State House, Room 230
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Ms. DiZoglio,

At a Regular Meeting of the Fall River City Council held on June 10, 2025, on a motion made by Councilor Cliff Ponte and seconded by Councilor Shawn E. Cadime, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the attached resolution, as amended, and forward it to your office, along with the attached private investigation report, for your review.

In addition, this private investigation report will also be submitted to the Fall River Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Attorney General, the District Attorney, and the Inspector General for review, with a requested response from said agencies by August 15, 2025.

The Fall River City Council sincerely requests that you initiate a comprehensive, independent audit of the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance, investigate the circumstances surrounding the investigation process and the City's handling of the related reports and documents, and provide a public report of findings and recommendations to the City Council.

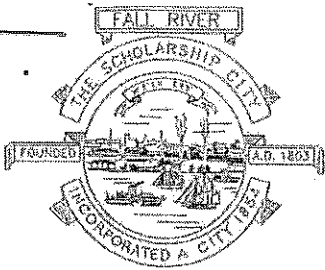
If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please reach out to the City Clerk's office at 508-324-2220.

Sincerely,

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Chief Kelly Furtado
Fall River Police Department
685 Pleasant Street
Fall River, MA 02721

Dear Chief Furtado,

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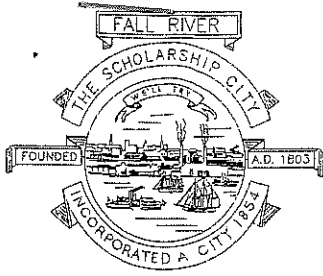
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Leah B. Foley
United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 9200
Boston, MA 02210

Dear Ms. Foley,

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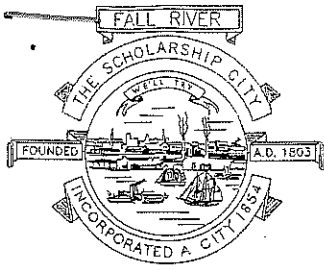
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Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
1 Ashburton Place, 20th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Madam Attorney General,

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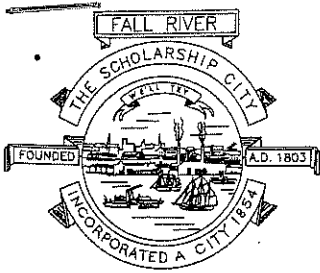
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Honorable Thomas M. Quinn, III
District Attorney of Bristol County
218 South Main Street, Suite 101
Fall River, MA 02721

Dear District Attorney Quinn,

At a Regular Meeting of the Fall River City Council held on June 10, 2025, on a motion made by Councilor Cliff Ponte and seconded by Councilor Shawn E. Cadime, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the attached resolution, as amended, and forward the attached private investigation report for your review. In addition, the attached resolution has been sent to the State Auditor's office, requesting a comprehensive, independent audit of the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance.

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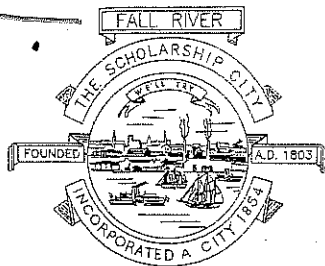
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Jeffrey S. Shapiro, Inspector General
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
1 Ashburton Place, Room 1311
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Shapiro,

At a Regular Meeting of the Fall River City Council held on June 10, 2025, on a motion made by Councilor Cliff Ponte and seconded by Councilor Shawn E. Cadime, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the attached resolution, as amended, and forward the attached private investigation report for your review. In addition, the attached resolution has been sent to the State Auditor's office, requesting a comprehensive, independent audit of the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance.

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilors Shawn E. Cadime and Cliff Ponte)

WHEREAS, a comprehensive investigation conducted by private investigator Daniel Lowney revealed serious allegations of misconduct, misuse of City resources, environmental hazards, procurement violations, theft, favoritism, and systemic issues within the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance (DCM), and

WHEREAS, these allegations raise concerns about the integrity, oversight, and accountability of City operations, as well as the City's handling of internal investigations and transparency with the public, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that public funds are being managed properly, that environmental and safety standards are upheld, and that appropriate accountability measures are in place to prevent future misconduct, and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts State Auditor has the authority and responsibility to conduct audits of municipal departments to ensure proper management, compliance with laws, and fiscal accountability, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fall River hereby formally requests that the Massachusetts State Auditor:

- Initiate a comprehensive, independent audit of the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance (DCM), including but not limited to:
 - a. Review of procurement practices and contracts
 - b. Use and management of City resources and equipment
 - c. Environmental compliance and hazardous materials handling
 - d. Employee conduct and workplace environment
 - e. Internal controls, oversight, and accountability mechanisms
- Investigate the circumstances surrounding the investigation process and the City's handling of the related reports and documents, including compliance with public records laws and transparency obligations.
- Provide a public report of findings and recommendations to the City Council and the residents of Fall River to ensure transparency and accountability, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report be submitted to the Fall River Police Department, U.S. Attorney's Office, Attorney General, District Attorney and the Inspector General with a requested response from said agencies by August 15, 2025.

In City Council, June 10, 2025
Adopted, as amended, 9 yeas.

A true copy. Attest:


City Clerk