



**Washington State Auditor's Office**

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## **Accountability Audit Report**

# **Town of Index**

**Snohomish County**

**For the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013**

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## Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

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Mayor and Town Council  
Town of Index  
Index, Washington

### ***Report on Accountability***

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your Town to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on Town of Index's internal controls and compliance. This report will also be published on our website at [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov) as a matter of public record. Our audit was performed under the authority of state law (RCW 43.09.260) and included procedures we considered necessary under the circumstances.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

**TROY KELLEY**  
STATE AUDITOR

# **Audit Summary**

**Town of Index  
Snohomish County  
October 13, 2014**

## ***ABOUT THE AUDIT***

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Town of Index from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The objective of our audit was to evaluate the adequacy of the Town's internal controls to safeguard public resources and the Town's compliance with state law and its own policies. In keeping with general auditing practices, we did not review every aspect of the Town's internal controls and compliance. Instead, our review focused on areas representing the highest risk of misappropriation, misuse or noncompliance.

Our report is addressed to the governing body and management of the Town. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

## ***RESULTS***

In the areas we examined, the Town's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The Town also complied with state laws and its own policies in the areas we examined.

However, we noted certain matters that we communicated to the Town. We appreciate the Town's commitment to resolving those matters.

## **Description of the Town**

**Town of Index  
Snohomish County  
September 25, 2014**

### ***ABOUT THE TOWN***

The Town of Index, located in the Cascade Mountains, has a population of 170 people. The Town was incorporated in 1907. Its local economy is mainly based on recreation.

The Town is governed by five Council Members and an independently elected Mayor. For fiscal year 2013, the Town operated on revenue of approximately \$139,000.

### ***TOWN CONTACT INFORMATION***

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