

Edit Referral

H-24-410 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-24-410

Date of Submission: 9/16/2024

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: City/Town

Entity: Mabton, City of

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Miscellaneous

1-2 sentence description of concern: They are out right refusing to honor public records requests for unlawful reasons. I believe they are likely doing this systemically. In light of the corruption charges going on against the mayor right now, the fact that the city is currently being sued by Christopher Vargas for records tells a lot.

Report Issued: No

Reporting Type: Hotline Letter

Report Number:

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: Yes

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Closed

Hotline Contact:

cc:

Referral Date:

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 9/16/2024

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H-24-410 Contact Information

Hotline ID:	H-24-410	Date of Submission:	9/16/2024
Submission Method:	Web	Staff:	
Submission Type:	Citizen		
Author(Last, First):	McStevenson , Steve		
Address:			
City:		State:	WA Zip:
Home Phone:			
Work Phone:			
Mobile Phone:			
Email:	anonymouscitizenwa@protonmail.com		
Can Contact:	Yes		
Contact Preference:	Email		
Anonymous:	No		
Waived Confidentiality:	No		

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

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Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

How did this issue come to your attention?

Tried to submit records which were refused and then discovered that others had similar issues.

**What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement?
Please include employee titles if possible.**

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

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Activity

Log

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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
10/25/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
09/16/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Closed.
09/16/2024	--gillisj

From: [WA State Auditor Hotline](#)
To: anonymouscitizenwa@protonmail.com
Subject: Washington State Auditor's Office
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 1:46:00 PM

Dear Mr.
McStevenso
n,

Thank you for contacting the State Auditor's Office Citizen Hotline regarding the City of Mabton. We take our job of holding government accountable for the use of public resources seriously, and we have carefully considered the information you shared in your hotline submission.

We have determined this issue is outside our audit authority as defined by RCW 43.09. We do not have any authority over other entities public records only our own. Therefore, we consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,
Hotline Management

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