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CITY TO LAUNCH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

The City of Spokane today announced it will launch an independent investigation to determine whether Mayor James West has violated City policy for Internet and email usage, following allegations reported by a local newspaper. The investigation also will look into the Mayor's internship program.

"We believe this investigation is appropriate because it is in these areas that the allegations have a potential to involve City business," says City Attorney Michael Connelly. Steps have been taken to secure all relevant information, Connelly says.

Connelly is working to arrange for one or more people outside of the City to conduct the investigation. More details are expected next week.

Attached are the City's email and Internet usage policies.