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### **Town of Ennis Working with Department of Administration to Address Audit Deficiencies**

Ennis, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – The Town of Ennis recently received notification from the Department of Administration (DOA) regarding a complaint filed about deficiencies identified in the Town's annual audits.

The Town was already aware of these issues and began seeking the DOA's assistance in December 2023. Since July 2024, the Town has been formally working with the DOA to address them. The DOA has acknowledged the challenges the Town faces due to limited staffing. At one point, an additional staff member was assisting with compliance efforts; however, they are no longer an employee of the Town.

To support the Town's efforts, the DOA, through the Local Government Services Bureau (LGSB), has initiated a formal technical assistance plan to help Ennis achieve compliance and resolve these deficiencies. The implementation of these corrective measures is critical to avoid potential legal action from taxpayers or the withholding of state financial assistance.

The DOA is required to issue a final decision within six months. This determination will confirm whether the Town has achieved compliance or if sufficient evidence of non-compliance remains.

"The Town of Ennis is fully committed to addressing the DOA's concerns and ensuring compliance with state law," said Mayor Nici Haas "We appreciate the community's patience and support as we work through this process."

For any questions or concerns, residents are encouraged to visit Ennis Town Hall, where staff will be happy to assist.

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