



After years of costly litigation, I am pleased to announce the City of Double Horn has reached an agreement with the State of Texas, represented by the Attorney General in the matter of State of Texas v. City of Double Horn, Cause No. 49209.

As a result of mediation, an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC) was agreed to and ultimately signed and entered into the court record effective August 2, 2021.

It is important to understand with this agreement neither the City of Double Horn nor the State of Texas concedes their position. However, it does lay out a path that will allow the lawsuit to be dismissed with prejudice after a one-year period.

During this one-year period, the case will be abated, placed on hold while the City of Double Horn demonstrates to the State that it is operating as, and performing the functions required of an incorporated city.

A copy of the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance agreement was made public at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the City Council and will be available to the public via the City's website:

**[doublehorntx.org](https://doublehorntx.org)**

The agreement can be found under *News & Events, Legal Updates*. Please note you will need to scroll down to find the Section titled *Legal Updates*.

The Assurance of Voluntary Compliance agreement requires the City of Double Horn to provide a quarterly compliance update to the Attorney General's office; the first report due on September 15<sup>th</sup>. These quarterly reports will be reviewed at City Council meetings and ultimately posted on the City's website. Please feel free to attend Council Meetings to stay informed on the City's business and our progress.

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank all our citizens for their ongoing support. Additionally, we also extend our thanks and gratitude to our legal team, Messer, Fort & McDonald, who has served us so well.

We believe the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance agreement is both fair and achievable. More importantly, the Council and Attorney General's office believe this agreement is in the best interests of the citizens and allows all of us to focus on moving forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Sereno', is written over a faint circular watermark or background.

Cathy Sereno  
Mayor  
City of Double Horn