

# Town of Johnson, Oklahoma - Emerging Municipality Growth Strategy

## *Detailed Timeline*

### **1891-1900: Early Settlement**

**1891:** The area now known as the Town of Johnson was opened in the Sac & Fox land run, establishing an early agrarian community.

### **1960-1982: Community Identity & Incorporation**

**May 11, 1982:** The crossroads community of Johnson was incorporated to secure zoning control and resist a proposed landfill.

### **1990-2020: Demographic Evolution**

**1990:** Johnson's population was 196.

**2000:** Johnson's population increased to 223 (+13.8% growth).

**2010:** Johnson's population increased to 247 (+10.8% growth).

**2020:** Johnson's population significantly increased to 457 (+85% growth).

### **2012: Financial Snapshot**

**June 30, 2012 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson reported:

**Total Tax Revenues:** \$0

**Intergovernmental Revenues:** \$2,123 (primarily from state gas/vehicle fees)

**Other Operating Revenues:** \$0

**Total Expenditures:** \$200 (mainly salaries and wages)

**End-of-Year Assets:** \$36,540

**August 22, 2012:** Sarah Weeks signs the 2012 Form 2644 as Treasurer for the Town of Johnson.

**December 31, 2012:** Due date for the 2012 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

### **2013: Financial Snapshot**

**June 30, 2013 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson reported:

**Total Tax Revenues:** \$0

**Intergovernmental Revenues:** \$447.38

**Other Operating Revenues:** \$727.57

**Total Expenditures:** \$524.70

**End-of-Year Assets:** \$25,892.61

**July 1, 2013:** Sarah Weeks signs the 2013 Form 2644 as Treasurer for the Town of Johnson.

**December 31, 2013:** Due date for the 2013 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

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### **2014:** Financial Snapshot

**June 30, 2014 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson reported:

**Total Tax Revenues:** \$0

**Intergovernmental Revenues:** \$1,580

**Other Operating Revenues:** \$0

**Total Expenditures:** \$524

**End-of-Year Assets:** \$26,961

**March 9, 2015:** Sarah Weeks signs the 2014 Form 2644 as Treasurer for the Town of Johnson.

**December 31, 2014:** Due date for the 2014 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

### **2015:** Financial Snapshot

**June 30, 2015 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson reported:

**Total Tax Revenues:** \$0

**Intergovernmental Revenues:** \$461

**Other Operating Revenues:** \$1,711

**Total Expenditures:** \$100

**End-of-Year Assets:** \$42,241

**January 11, 2016:** Sarah Weeks signs the 2015 Form 2644 as Treasurer for the Town of Johnson.

**December 31, 2015:** Due date for the 2015 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

### **2021-2024:** Financial Certification Period

**June 30, 2021 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson's revenues were below the \$25,000 audit threshold, allowing for a "Municipal Certification In Lieu Of Audit."

**December 31, 2021:** Due date for the 2021 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

**June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year End):** The Town of Johnson's revenues were below the \$25,000 audit threshold, allowing for a "Municipal Certification In Lieu Of Audit."

**December 31, 2022:** Due date for the 2022 Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

**Fiscal Year 2023:** The Town of Johnson continued to certify in lieu of audit, confirming sub-threshold finances.

**Fiscal Year 2024:** Amanda Ramirez, as Treasurer of the Town of Johnson, certifies that an audit or agreed-upon-procedures engagement has not been completed because the Town/City does not meet the statutory revenue thresholds of 11 O.S. § 17-105.

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### **2025: Strategic Planning and Analysis**

**July 18, 2025:** Kenneth Crawford prepares the "Town of Johnson, Oklahoma: Emerging Municipality Growth Strategy" executive summary. This document analyzes Johnson's financial history, growth, and proposes the "Indoor Event Center ('Dome') Proposal" to diversify revenue and support full municipal incorporation.

## **Cast of Characters**

### **Government Officials (Office of the State Auditor and Inspector, State of Oklahoma):**

**Gary Jones:** State Auditor and Inspector for Oklahoma during the 2012-2015 period, responsible for the Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

**Cindy Byrd:** State Auditor and Inspector for Oklahoma during the 2021-2022 period, responsible for the Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

### **Town of Johnson Officials:**

**Sarah Weeks:** Served as the Treasurer for the Town of Johnson from at least 2012 through 2015, responsible for supplying financial data for the Annual Survey of City and Town Finances.

**Amanda Ramirez:** Served as the Treasurer for the Town of Johnson in 2024, responsible for the Municipal Certification In Lieu Of Audit.

### **Researchers/Analysts:**

**Kenneth Crawford:** Doctoral Researcher and author of the "Town of Johnson, Oklahoma: Emerging Municipality Growth Strategy" executive summary (July 18, 2025). His research focuses on the "Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact (Politics)" and "The Oklahoma Business Plan." He prepared the detailed analysis and strategic recommendations for Johnson's municipal growth.

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