



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date:

Title of Item:

<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>INFORMATION ONLY</p>	<p>Action Requested:</p> <p>Approve/Deny Motion</p> <p>Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></p>	<p>Direction Requested</p> <p>Discussion Item</p> <p>Hold Public Hearing*</p>
<p>Submitted by:</p>		<p>Department:</p>
<p>Presenter (Name and Title):</p>		<p>Estimated Time Needed:</p>
<p>Summary of Issue:</p>		
<p>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</p>		
<p>Recommended Action/Motion:</p>		
<p>Financial Impact:</p> <p><i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> Yes No</p> <p><i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i></p> <p><i>Is this budgeted?</i> Yes No <i>Please Explain:</i></p>		

Public Health Nuisance Policy

Policy: Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, acting as the Board of Health, shall respond to, inspect and mitigate Public Health Nuisances as defined and outlined in Minnesota State Statutes, Section 145A. Further, the Board designates as its Agent and Public Health Authority, the Public Health Supervisor, to enforce this statute.

Purpose: Minnesota Statutes, Section 145A.04, places responsibility for Public Health Nuisance control on Boards of Health. The policy, protocols, and procedures are intended to ensure that the Board of Health, or its Designated Agent, responds as required by law. Minnesota Statute 609.74 defines **Public Nuisances** very broadly as a “condition which unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of members of the public. The definition of **Public Health Nuisance**, as set out in the Minnesota Public Health Nuisance Handbook is, “any activity or failure to act that adversely affects public health.”

Protocols:

- a) For the purposes of defining and determining Public Health Nuisance, the definition, as set forth in Section 145A.02., Subdivision 17, shall be used; “any activity or failure to act that adversely affects the public health.”
- b) As defined by Section 145A.04, Subdivision 8, removal and abatement of public health nuisances takes place if a (validated) threat to public health such as, a public health nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness is found on any property.
 - a. Examples of public health nuisances may include, but are not limited to: dead animals, rotting garbage, insect, vermin or rodent infestations, evidence of a meth lab or other drug manufacturing, unsafe living situation that affects children and vulnerable adultsⁱ
 - b. Improper disposal or discharge of human waste
 - c. Accumulation, burning of, and/or improper disposal of household waste
 - d. A hazardous building or property which because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, physical damage, unsanitary condition and/or abandonment constitutes a fire hazard or hazard to public safety or health.
- c) All Public Health Nuisance complaints or reports shall be investigated.
- d) The investigation of each nuisance complaint shall normally be within ten [10] working days and according to the procedures outlined herein.
- e) The Board of Health shall approve procedures, make budget appropriations and promote the concept of a team approach between departments and/or agencies.
- f) Complaints determined to be under the jurisdiction of another agency or other unit of government shall be referred to accordingly.
- g) In the event of an imminent threat to the health of the public, immediate action shall be taken.
- h) Discretion to allow an extension or to deviate from standard procedures shall be provided.
- i) All data shall be handled in accordance with the Government Data Practices Act.
- j) Abatement notices shall be pursuant to Section 145A.04., Subdivision 8.
- k) The Aitkin County Attorney shall be informed of all Public Health Nuisance determinations, updates and mitigation activities.
- l) All costs for abatement and administration may be recovered through assessment, pursuant to Section 145A.08., Subdivision 2.
- m) Response Staff will utilize Ethical Framework by Bernheimⁱⁱ when determining Public Health Nuisance. [Appendix A]

Procedures:

- I. **Complaint Investigation**
 - A. Receive the complaint

- i. If the Public Health Nuisance complaint concerns property within a city or township that has a Public Health Nuisance ordinance, the complaint will be referred to the appropriate jurisdiction.
 - ii. Designated Agent (Public Health Supervisor) will receive the complaint. Any referral that may, in any way, meet the criteria of Public Health Nuisance will be referred to the Designated Agent or, minimally, a collaborative effort between receiving department and Designated Agent will ensue. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Agent will document the information provided.
 - 1. Fill out complaint form. [Appendix B]
 - 2. Create a client and activity in Nightingale Notes.
 - 3. Complete Nuisance Intake & Initial Follow-Up tab in Nightingale Notes.

- B. Discretion
 - i. At the discretion of the Designated Agent, the process may deviate from the order of nuisance enforcement if an individual situation requires such attention.

- C. Investigate, verify or negate the complaint through inspection of the property.
 - i. Agent will coordinate with the Environmental Services Director, or assigned designee, a time to visit the property within ten [10] working days of receiving complaint.
 - ii. At any time and for any reason, the Agent may request to be accompanied by the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office.
 - iii. The Agent investigating the Public Health Nuisance complaint will provide their county badge identifying their authority and will explain they are there to complete an inspection, taking care to not disclose the complainant.
 - iv. Reasonable effort shall be made by the Agent to obtain permission to enter in accordance with Section 145A.04.
 - v. If allowed entry, make the investigation and return with documentation. [Appendix B, photographs, video and/or audio recordings]
 - vi. If entry is refused or resisted, refer the case to the County Attorney for possible charges and/or the application for a warrant.
 - vii. If the complaint cannot be verified and a Public Health Nuisance does not exist, document the findings and reason for not proceeding. [Appendix B]
 - viii. Agent will document findings in Nuisance Intake & Initial Follow-Up tab in Nightingale Notes.

- D. Notify and consult multi-disciplinary team about investigation.
 - i. The Designated Agent will inform other departments of the need for involvement of representatives from other disciplines.
 - ii. The Agent will coordinate the actions of a multi-disciplinary investigative team that may include representation from the following areas:
 - 1. Health & Human Services
 - 2. Law Enforcement
 - 3. Planning & Zoning/Environmental Services
 - 4. County Attorney
 - 5. County Auditor
 - 6. Medical Consultant
 - iii. Additional team members may include, but are not limited to, as needed:
 - 1. Child and/or Adult Protection
 - 2. Mental Health
 - 3. Fire Marshall
 - 4. State Epidemiologist
 - 5. MN Pollution Control Agency
 - 6. Animal Humane Society
 - 7. MN Department of Health

8. MN Department of Agriculture

- E. Determine whether or not a Public Health Nuisance exists. The Agent makes this determination, utilizing the process outlined in the Public Health Nuisance Policy Flow Chart. [Appendix C]
- i. **Public Nuisance:** Aitkin County does not have a specific Public Nuisance Policy. If the situation is not deemed a Public Health Nuisance, if applicable, the case will be referred to the appropriate governmental unit for ordinance violations and/or enforcement activities.
 - ii. **Public Health Nuisance:** Use as a guide, a series of questions that will assist in making this determination.
 - 1. Does the condition affect the “Public?”
 - 2. Does the condition affect “Health,” i.e. is there a real or imminent health risk?
 - a. Can the condition cause or be expected to cause transmission of disease?
 - b. Does the condition cause or is there a potential for the condition to cause trauma or injury to the public?
 - c. Does the condition constitute or is there potential for the condition to constitute an exposure to hazardous elements or substances that could adversely affect the health of the public?
 - d. Is the subject of the complaint an unsafe or potentially unsafe structural or environmental condition or fire hazard?
 - 3. Refer to the flow chart for determination of Public Health Nuisance. [Appendix C]
 - 4. Are there service providers that frequent the property?
 - 5. Review with medical consultant or other subject matter expert as needed.
 - iii. **Potential Public Health Nuisance:** If the condition encountered could pose a future public health problem however has not progressed in seriousness or to an extent to constitute a Public Health Nuisance at the time of the investigation, education, or consultation in the form of a follow-up letter or discussion with a responsible party is appropriate.
 - iv. **Unsubstantiated Complaint:** The Agent has the discretion to send a letter to the property owner about the unsubstantiated public health nuisance complaint. [Appendix D]
 - v. Agent will document determination in Nuisance Intake & Initial Follow-Up tab in Nightingale Notes.
- F. Abatement Notice
- i. If a Public Health Nuisance is found to exist, prepare a written Abatement Notice. [Appendix E]
The notice should include the following:
 - 1. A description of the Public Health Nuisance, citing the Statute and, if appropriate, any County ordinance violated.
 - 2. The address and property identification of the Public Health Nuisance.
 - 3. The finding and remedial action required to abate the Public Health Nuisance.
 - 4. The associated compliance deadline[s] [0-10 days].
 - 5. A statement noting that, if the remedial action is not taken within the time specified, not to exceed ten [10] days, the County Board will abate the Public Health Nuisance and charge all costs incurred therein against the real estate as a special assessment to be collected in the same manner as property taxes; pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 145A.08.
 - ii. Serve the Abatement Notice. The Abatement Notice shall be served on the occupant, owner, and/or agent of the property in one or more of the following ways:

1. By certified USPS mail.
 2. By an officer authorized to serve a warrant.
 3. If the occupant and/or owner of the property is unknown or absent and has no known representative upon whom notice can be served, the agent shall post a written or printed notice on the property stating that, unless the Public Health Nuisance is abated or removed within a period not longer than ten [10] days, the department will have the Public Health Nuisance abated or removed at the expense of the owner, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 145A.08 or other applicable State or Local Law. [Appendix F]
 4. Reasonable attempt to identify and/or locate the occupant and/or property owner may include contact with:
 - a. Assessor's Office
 - b. Treasurer's Office
 - c. Auditor's Office
 - d. Recorder's Office
 - e. Sheriff's Office
 - f. Health & Human Services Financial and/or Accounting Units
 5. Agent shall post Notice of Threat to Public Health [Appendix F] in a visible location on the property.
 6. Notification of a determined Public Health Nuisance and a copy of the abatement notice shall be provided to:
 - a. Health & Human Services Director
 - b. County Administrator
 - c. Environmental Services Director
 - d. County Attorney
 - e. Corresponding County Commissioner
- iii. Agent will document abatement notice activities in Nightingale Notes.

G. Follow-Up

- i. Follow-up of the Abatement Notice will take place within ten (10) working days after the required compliance date.
 1. Conduct a physical site inspection, documenting findings; which may include photographs and written descriptions.
 2. Determine if abatement has been completed according to requirements set forth in the Abatement Notice [Appendix E] and if the public health nuisance is resolved.
 3. Determine the need or desire for referral to community resources and/or agencies.
- ii. If the Public Health Nuisance is not abated, the Agent shall pursue the next course of action, which could include:
 1. Extension: At the discretion of the Agent, the time period for compliance may be extended if an unusual situation exists, the violator has adequately communicated the situation and is making acceptable progress toward resolution.
 2. Abatement: Removal or abatement of the Public Health Nuisance by the County, and procured refuse hauler. Assessment of the cost of abatement or removal will be included as a special assessment to be collected in the same manner as property taxes, per Minnesota Statutes, Section 145A.04, Sub. 8.
 3. Injunctive relief: The local authority could seek an injunction in district court and prosecute as a civil case, Minnesota Statutes, Section 145A.04, and Sub. 9.
 4. Prosecution: The local authority could choose to prosecute the violator in criminal court, Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.74 or Section 609.745.
- iii. A letter shall be, signed by the Agent and sent via certified USPS mail, notifying the occupant and/or property owner of non-compliance [Appendix G].

- iv. Agent will document follow-up findings in Nuisance Intake & Initial Follow-Up tab in Nightingale Notes.
- H. Resolution
- i. If the Public Health Nuisance is abated, the issue is resolved. A letter shall be, signed by the Agent and sent via certified USPS mail, notifying the occupant and/or property owner of the resolution [Appendix H].
- I. County Initiated Abatement
- i. If all attempts at owner/occupant compliance fail, the Agent will initiate procedures for County facilitated and approved abatement.
 - 1. To confirm all courses of action have been taken, appropriate notices have been provided and County initiated abatement remains the only remaining option, Agent will call for a consensus meeting with:
 - a. Environmental Services Director
 - b. County Attorney
 - 2. Notification will be provided to:
 - a. Health & Human Services Director
 - b. County Administrator
 - c. County Auditor
 - d. Corresponding County Commissioner
 - 3. Aitkin County Environmental Services Director will coordinate Requests for Proposal to abate the Public Health Nuisance
 - a. Request shall be published in the Aitkin Independent Age and/or be sent to the contractors on the listing kept in the Environmental Services Department, and any others requesting a copy.
 - b. Per Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, all commercial buildings and buildings owned by the County require an asbestos inspection prior to demolition. Residential single-family structures that are not owned by the County do not require the asbestos inspection. All hazardous waste and problem materials shall be removed from buildings prior to demolition. Inground water wells and non-conforming septic systems must be abandoned according to state rules and requirements.
 - c. Upon deadline, proposals shall be reviewed and lowest bid accepted.
 - 4. If proposals meet or exceed \$25,000, Agent will request to be placed on the next Aitkin County Board meeting agenda.
 - a. Facts of the case shall be provided
 - b. Costs shall be reviewed
 - c. Request for approval of abatement will be made
 - 5. Upon approval of the Aitkin County Board
 - a. Aitkin County Environmental Services Director will correspond with the contractor who submitted the lowest bid.
 - b. Timeline for completion of work and requirements will be outlined within the correspondence.
 - c. Agent will post property identifying mitigation action on or before established date. [Appendix I]
 - 6. Final Inspection and Action
 - a. Contractor shall submit all receipts for waste disposal, abandonment records and invoices to the Aitkin County Environmental Services Director to ensure legal and proper disposal of debris has been completed.

- b. A final inspection by the Agent and Aitkin County Environmental Services Director will be completed within ten (10) working days after the required compliance date, or sooner if contractor indicates the work has been completed.
 - i. Document findings, which may include photographs and written descriptions. [Appendix B]
 - ii. Determine if abatement has been completed according to requirements set forth in the Abatement Notice [Appendix E] and if the public health nuisance is resolved.
- c. Agent will document follow-up findings in Nuisance Intake & Initial Follow-Up tab in Nightingale Notes.
- d. If the Public Health Nuisance is abated, the issue is resolved. A letter shall be sent, signed by the Agent, notifying the occupant and/or property owner of the resolution [Appendix H].

ⁱ *What is a public health nuisance.* [Local Public Health Association: Public Health Nuisance Handbook](#), NKD, Accessed 4 May 2023.

ⁱⁱ *Adapted Summary of a Public Health Ethics Framework Bernheim et al. (2009) Ethics and the Practice of Public Health.* National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP), 2016. https://www.ncchpp.ca/docs/2016_eth_frame_bernheim_En.pdf

Adapted Summary of a Public Health Ethics Framework Bernheim et al. (2009) Ethics and the Practice of Public Health

January 2016

This short document presents an adapted summary of the framework proposed by Bernheim et al. in 2009. We originally produced this summary for use during a workshop offered at the Canadian Public Health Association Conference in May 2015.¹ We have adapted this and other summaries of frameworks and republished them together so that they might be used in combination with the very brief public health ethics cases that we have produced to date. They are intended to give public health practitioners some material for practice in ethical deliberation.

Bernheim and colleagues set out to produce a comprehensive framework for public health ethics “to guide ethical reflection, deliberation, and justification in practice” (Bernheim et al., 2009, p. 110). “The framework contains three main prongs: (1) analysis of the ethical issues; (2) evaluation of the ethical dimensions of the public health options; and (3) justification for a particular action” (p. 114). This document presents the three parts of the framework, each offering a series of considerations and questions to inform deliberation. It concludes by referring to a selection of resources for further reading.

1. Analyzing the ethical issues in context

“Because ethical reflection on any public policy issue takes place within a particular community with a unique history and culture, the framework specifically asks that the conflicting ethical tensions be clarified in the political-social context because ethical norms and tensions can vary from community to community” (Bernheim et al., 2009, p. 114).

- Are there public health risks and harms?
- What are the public health goals?
- Who are the stakeholders? What are their moral claims?

- Do the proposed activities fall within the accepted boundaries of public health action?
- Are there precedents/previous initiatives/other examples that can inform our thinking?
- Are there professional codes of ethics that can inform our thinking?

2. Evaluating alternatives in context

Will the public health goals be best achieved through the proposed action, program or policy, through a modified version or through an alternative approach? In answering this question, consider the following five ethical principles and how the affected community or communities would weigh or value them.

UTILITY

Does it produce the greatest sum of net benefits (benefits minus harms)?

DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE

Does it distribute the benefits and burdens most fairly?

PROCEDURAL JUSTICE

Does it give affected groups the best opportunity to participate in the decision-making process?

RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS

Does it best respect individuals’ autonomy, liberty and privacy?

RESPECT FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC VALUES

Does it best respect transparency, honesty, trustworthiness, consensus-building, promise-keeping, protection of confidentiality, and does it best protect individuals and groups from stigmatization?

¹ The PowerPoint and handouts are available online at: http://www.ncchpp.ca/128/Presentations.ccnpps?id_article=1408



3. Justifying the intervention

“The framework includes six justificatory conditions... to provide a principled way to determine whether... choosing one action that promotes one value... warrants overriding other values [...] The conditions require that... the public health action must be effective, necessary, the least restrictive or intrusive means, proportional, impartial and be publicly justifiable” (Bernheim et al., 2009, p. 120).

EFFECTIVENESS

Is it effective at achieving the public health goals?

NECESSITY

Are the negative consequences necessary to achieve the public health goals?

LEAST INFRINGEMENT

Is it the least restrictive and intrusive way to achieve the public health goals?

PROPORTIONALITY

Will the expected benefits outweigh the negative consequences (including expected harms, infringements on autonomy, confidentiality and other values)?

IMPARTIALITY

Have the interests of all affected parties been given fair/equal consideration?

PUBLIC JUSTIFICATION

Can public health actors morally justify it to the public, and especially to those most affected, in a way that citizens could find acceptable?

Resources and additional reading

Adapted summaries of public health ethics frameworks and cases:

http://www.ncchpp.ca/127/Publications.ccnpps?id_article=1525

A repertoire of ethics frameworks for public health (with links to the documents):

http://www.ncchpp.ca/708/Repertoire_of_Frameworks.ccnpps

Population and Public Health Ethics: Cases from research, policy, and practice:

http://www.ncchpp.ca/127/publications.ccnpps?id_article=720

Example of the application of Bernheim et al.'s (2009) framework in practice:

Ruderman, R. (2013). Female Circumcision: The Ethics of Harm Reduction Policies. *Michigan Journal of Public Affairs*, 10, 95-107.
Retrieved from: <http://mjpa.umich.edu/files/2014/08/2013-Ruderman-FemaleCircumcision.pdf>

Reference

Bernheim, R. G., Nieburg, P., & Bonnie, R. J. (2009). Ethics and the practice of public health. In R. A. Goodman, R. E. Hoffman, W. Lopez, G. W. Matthews, M. Rothstein, & K. Foster (Eds.), *Law in Public Health Practice*, 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Intake Information **(Confidential Information)**

Date:

Received By:

Phone Call _____ Letter _____ In Person _____ Email _____ Other _____

Name of Complainant:

Address of Complainant:

Complaint **(Public Information)**

Name of Owner:

Name of Occupant (if different than owner):

Address of Nuisance Complaint:

Address of Owner (if different than premises):

Nature of Complaint: Garbage/Junk House Waste/Refuse/Garbage Vermin/Pest Solid Waste
 Hazardous Building/Structure Sewage Disposal Other:

Additional Details of Complaint:

Findings

Investigation Date:

Inspection Agent(s):

Findings:

Ordinance or Statute Violated:

Action Taken:

_____ Unsubstantiated, no further follow-up

_____ Other Agency Responsible or Referred to Outside Agency

City of Jurisdiction Env. Services H&HS Social Services Humane Society MDH MDA MPCA

Other:

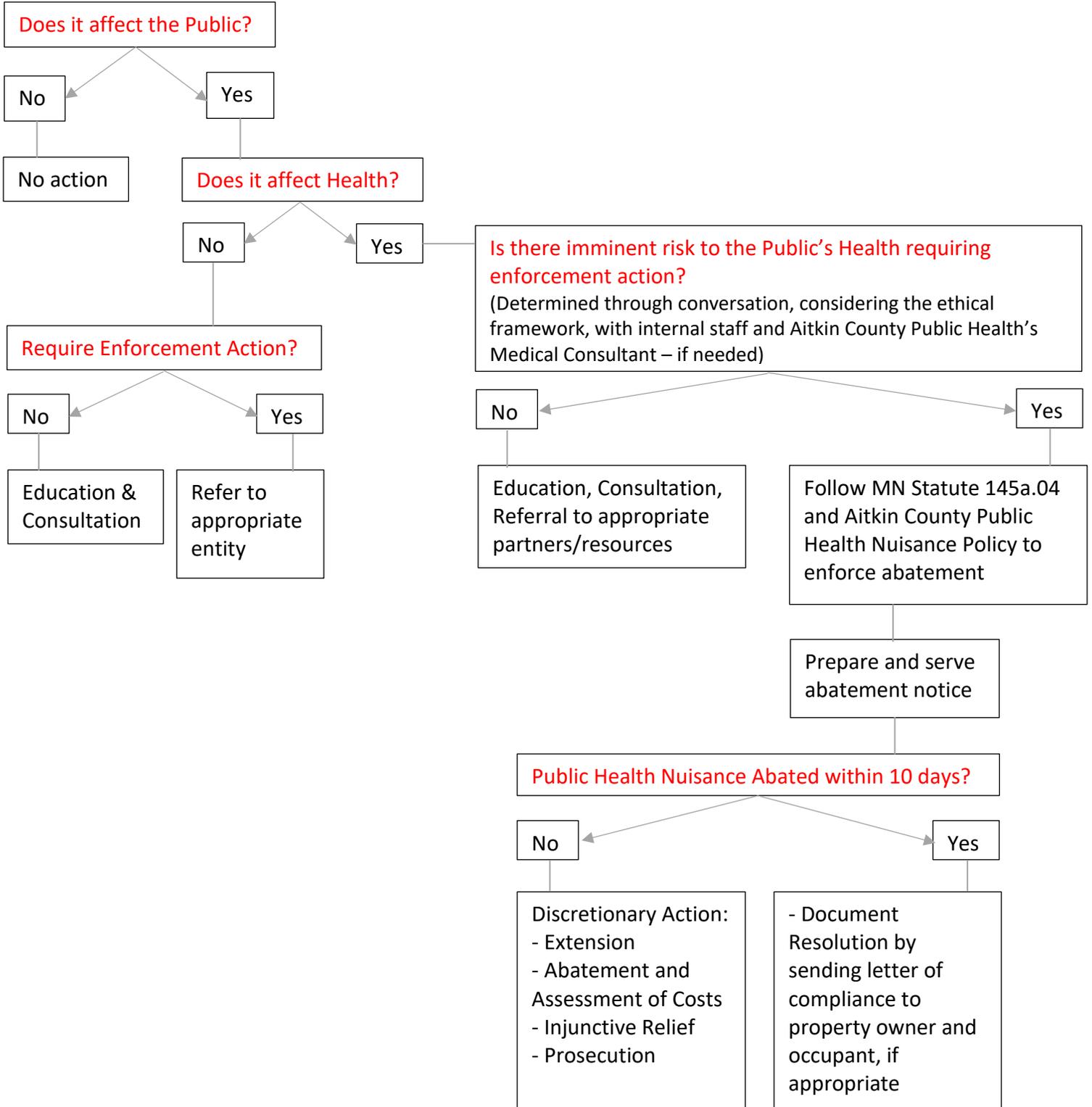
_____ Substantiated, Follow-Up and Abatement Required



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Notice of Unsubstantiated Public Health Nuisance

To: **Occupant and/or Owner or Representative**

Please be advised that as the designated Health Authority for Aitkin County and pursuant to authority granted in Minnesota State Statute, Section 145A, on **Month Date, Year**, I, along with **First Name Last Name**, Environmental Services Director, made inspection of the premises located at:

Physical Address: **Address**
City, MN Zip Code

Parcel: **#XX-X-XXXXXX**

This letter is to inform you that following the inspection, there were no findings to support a Public Health Nuisance. Aitkin County will be taking no enforcement action at this time. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me.

OPTIONAL:

This letter also serves to provide information to protect against these potential hazards (source of filth/spread of disease) turning into a substantiated public health nuisance.

- Add information about potential public health nuisances with education, if applicable
- Add information about potential support or resources available
- Add information about planning and zoning ordinances violated (after discussion with partners), if applicable

Thank you for your cooperation.

Aitkin County Health & Human Services

Date: _____
Month Date, Year

Name, Public Health Supervisor
Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Designated Agent

- cc: **Name**, Aitkin County Attorney
Name, Director, Aitkin County Environmental Services
Name, Director, Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Name, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



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Order to Abate a Public Health Nuisance

To: **Occupant and/or Owner or Representative**

Pursuant to authority granted in Minnesota State Statute, Section 145A, be advised that the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Department has found that a Public Health Nuisance, identified on **Month Date, Year**, exists at:

Physical Address

Located at parcel #**XX-X-XXXXXX**

On Month Date, Year this property was/will be posted, identifying the Public Health Nuisance and abatement order.

Please be advised that as the designated Health Authority for Aitkin County, on **Month Date, Year**, I, along with **First Name Last Name**, Environmental Services Director, made inspection of the premises. As a result of this visit, I make the following findings:

Nuisance Category:

- Animal/Pest/Vectors Activities
- Clandestine Drug Lab Activities
- Garbage/Junk House Activities
- Hazardous Waste Activities
- Hazardous Materials Activities
- Solid Waste Activities
- Individual Sewage Treatment Activities
- Hazardous Building or Unsanitary Dwelling
- Unsecured Hole or Opening

During the visit on **Month Date**, we made observation of **description of findings**.

This is an immediate risk to the welfare of the public, thus under Minnesota State Statute 145A.04, Subdivision 8, is an imminent Public Health Nuisance. The property **will be/has been** posted as such.

As agent of this property, you are hereby ordered to abate the nuisance as follows:

Required Mitigation Actions.

All materials, refuse, rubbish and garbage must be removed and properly disposed of at a licensed solid waste facility. To verify that all materials are properly disposed of, all receipts must be submitted to the Public Health or Environmental Services office. It is illegal to burn or bury any of the above referenced materials or any solid waste materials.

This action must be completed no later than: Per the above noted Minnesota State Statute, you are required to abate the threat in no more than ten [10] days, thus **Month Date, Year**. An alternative timeframe may be considered and agreed upon, provided you contact me for discussion by **Month Date, Year**.

If there is failure to abate the nuisance as ordered, the department shall abate the nuisance and charge all cost incurred against the real estate as a special assessment to be collected in the same manner as property taxes. In addition, per MN State Statute, 145A, failure to comply will result in the matter being turned over to the Aitkin County Attorney's Office.

Aitkin County Health & Human Services

Date: _____
Month Date, Year

Name, Public Health Supervisor
Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Designated Agent

cc: **Name**, Aitkin County Attorney
Name, Director, Aitkin County Environmental Services
Name, Director, Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Name, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT ORDER

Parcel # **XX-X-XXXXXX**
Located at: **Address**
City, MN Zip Code

By the order of the Aitkin County Public Health Authority, as of **Month Date, Year**, this property has been found to be a Public Health Nuisance as defined in MN Statutes, Chapter 145A.04. An abatement order has been issued. Failure by the owner and/or occupant to abate the Public Health Nuisance by **Month Date, Year** will result in the threat being abated or removed at the owner's expense.

These premises and structures are considered a risk to the public and access is prohibited.



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Public Health Nuisance Follow-up Investigation

To: **Name**
Address
City, MN Zip Code

Pursuant to authority granted in Minnesota State Statutes, Section 145A, be advised that the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Department documents the below, and determines the following, in regards to the Public Health Nuisance, identified on **Month Date, Year** existing at:

Address
City, MN Zip Code

Located at parcel #**XX-X-XXXXXX**

Please be advised that on **Month Date, Year**, there was inspection of the property. As a result of this visit, the Public Health Nuisance was found to be unsatisfactorily abated. Please contact our office by **Month Date, Year** to discuss a continued plan of action.

If there is failure to contact our office and/or abate the nuisance, as ordered, by the date noted above, the department shall move forward with abatement activity and all costs will be assessed to the real estate.

Your cooperation and efficiency in regards to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Aitkin County Health & Human Services

Date: _____
Month Date, Year

Name, Public Health Supervisor
Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Designated Agent

cc: **Name**, Aitkin County Attorney
Name, Director, Aitkin County Environmental Services
Name, Director, Aitkin County Health & Human Services
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Public Health Nuisance Follow-up Investigation

To: **Name**
Address
City, MN Zip Code

Pursuant to authority granted in Minnesota State Statutes, Section 145A, be advised that the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Department documents the below, and determines the following, in regards to the Public Health Nuisance, identified on **Month Date, Year** existing at:

Address
City, MN Zip Code

Located at parcel #**XX-X-XXXXXX**

Please be advised that on **Month Date, Year**, there was inspection of the property. As a result of this visit, the Public Health Nuisance was found to be satisfactorily abated. No further action is required at this time.

Your cooperation and efficiency in regards to this matter has been appreciated. Thank you for your desire to attend to the situation and create a safer environment for you and your neighbors.

Sincerely,

Aitkin County Health & Human Services

Date: _____
Month Date, Year

Name, Public Health Supervisor
Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Designated Agent

cc: **Name**, Aitkin County Attorney
Name, Director, Aitkin County Environmental Services
Name, Director, Aitkin County Health & Human Services
Name, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT ORDER

Parcel # **XX-X-XXXXXX**
Located at: Address
City, MN Zip Code

By the order of the Aitkin County Public Health Authority, this property has been found to be a Public Health Nuisance as defined in MN Statutes, Chapter 145A.04. An abatement order has been issued. Failure to abate the Public Health Nuisance by the owner will result in the threat being abated or removed at the owner's expense.

These premises and structures are considered a risk to the public and access is prohibited.

Notice: Under authority granted, Aitkin County will be mitigating the Public Health Nuisance on or before **Month Date, Year.**