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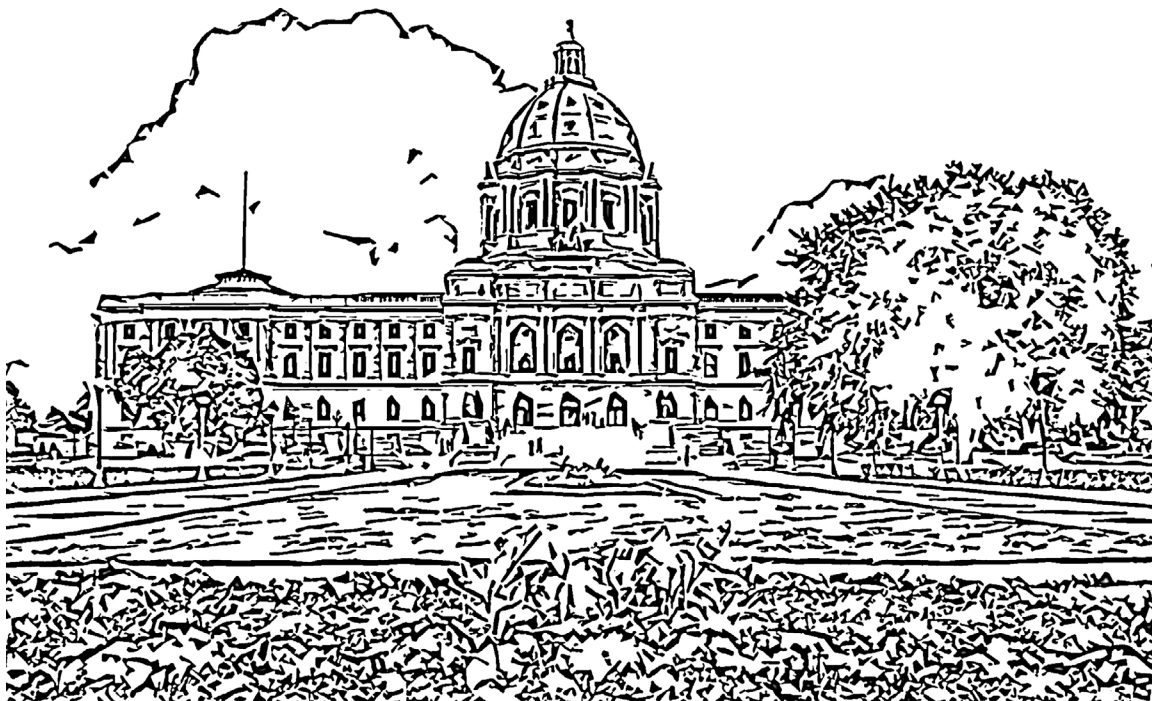
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An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

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Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.1414.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated “all new material.” **Adopted Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Minnesota Racing Commission

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Horse Racing; Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing

Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing Horse Racing: Definitions, Licensure, Pari-Mutuel Rules, Facilities and Equipment, Racetrack Security Officers, Stewards, Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse Races, Harness Races, Horse Medication, Physical Examination, Breeder’s Fund, and Prohibited Acts; Chapters 7869, 7870, 7873, 7875, 7878, 7879, 7883, 7884, 7890, 7891, 7895, and 7897; Revisor’s ID R-04965; CAH 24-9011-41097.

Introduction. The Minnesota Racing Commission intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Court of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. You may submit written comments on the proposed rules and may also submit a written request that a hearing be held on the rules, until Thursday, February 19, 2026, 2026.

Subject of Rules. The proposed rule updates strive to keep Minnesota Racing Commission rules current and relevant as the industry evolves. This rulemaking initiative will modify, clarify, and update various existing MRC rules pertaining to pari-mutuel rules, licensing, animal welfare, and the safety of all participants. There is an emphasis on horse health, veterinary practices, and racing rules. Following is a summary of the changes.

Proposed Rules

7869.0100 Subp. 54a. **Scoring.**

This definition is being added to define “scoring” which is used elsewhere in the rules.

7869.0100 Subp. 67a. **Traction device.**

This definition is being added to define “traction device” which is used elsewhere in the rules and comes directly from the 2000 series of the HISA rules and regulations.

7869.0100 Subp. 68a. **Wager.**

This definition is being added to define “wager” which is used elsewhere in the rules.

7870.0480 Subpart 1A. **Medical facilities, equipment, and personnel.**

This part is being removed because it is no longer necessary for an association to have a fully equipped first aid room with at least two beds. The human ambulance that is required to be on-site has the appropriate equipment.

7870.0480 Subpart 1B. **Medical facilities, equipment, and personnel.**

This rule is being renumbered from subpart “1B” to subpart “1A.”

7870.0480 Subpart 1C. **Medical facilities, equipment, and personnel.**

This rule is being renumbered from subpart “1C” to subpart “1B.”

7873.0193 **PLACE PICK (n).**

This section is being renamed from “PLACE PICK ALL” to “PLACE PICK (n).”

7873.0193 Subpart 1. **Scope.**

This subpart is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager, which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subpart 1A. **Scope.**

This rule is being added to specify requirements of a place pick (n) wager. This type of wager will require a bettor to select the first place or second place finisher in each of a designated number of contests ranging from as few as three contests to as many as 16 contests.

7873.0193 Subpart 1B. **Scope.**

This rule is being added to specify that all contests subject to a specific place pick (n) wager must be held on a single racing day.

7873.0193 Subp. 2. **Ticket is evidence of binding contract.**

This subpart is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 3. **Place pick (n) may be given a distinctive name.**

This subpart is being renamed and amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 3a. **Specific requirements for commission approval.**

This proposed rule is being added to specify that an association must outline each type of place pick (n) wager to be offered within its pari-mutuel request to be considered for approval by the commission.

7873.0193 Subp. 3a. A. **Specific requirements for commission approval.**

This proposed rule is being added to specify that an association must include the number of contests the place pick (n) wager will comprise in its pari-mutuel request to be considered for approval by the commission.

7873.0193 Subp. 3a. B. **Specific requirements for commission approval.**

This proposed rule is being added to specify that an association must include any specific name the association wishes to give the wager in its pari-mutuel request to be considered for approval by the commission.

7873.0193 Subp. 3a. C. **Specific requirements for commission approval.**

This proposed rule is being added to specify that an association must include a designation of one of the methods of payment outlined within subpart 6 of this section in its pari-mutuel request to be considered for approval by the commission. This must include a description of the relevant percentages chosen by the association specific to the chosen method of calculation.

7873.0193 Subp. 4. **Place pick (n) pool.**

This subpart is being renamed and amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 5. **Coupled entries and fields.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 6A. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 6B. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended so that one hundred percent of the net amount in the pari-mutuel pool subject to distribution among winning ticket holders shall be distributed among the holders of pari-mutuel tickets which correctly designate the most winning selections officially finishing first or second in each of the races comprising the place pick (n) wager, rather than that day’s racing program.

7873.0193 Subp. 6C. 1. **Calculation of pool.**

This proposed rule change is being amended to change the entire racing day program to the Place Pick “n” wager as the wager depends on the “n” or the number of races and not the entire racing day.

7873.0193 Subp. 6C. 2. **Calculation of pool.**

This proposed rule change is being amended to change the entire racing day program to the Place Pick “n” wager as the wager depends on the “n” or the number of races and not the entire racing day.

7873.0193 Subp. 6E. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 6F. 1. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 6G. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 6H. **Calculation of pool.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7873.0193 Subp. 7. **Actual favorite substituted for scratched horse.**

This rule is being amended to match the new name of the specific type of wager which will be “place pick (n).”

7875.0100 Subp. 4. **Racing surfaces.**

This proposed rule change updates when an association must submit to the commission evidence that the construction, elevation, and composition of racing and training surfaces have received engineering and veterinarian approval as safe and humane. For a racetrack under the jurisdiction of HISA, the timeline is being updated from within seven days after a race meeting commences to as soon as the association receives the report from HISA.

7875.0200 Subp. 9C. **External communications.**

This rule is being removed as it is no longer needed.

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7877.0120 Subpart 1GG. **License fees.**

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added.

7877.0120 Subpart 1HH. **License fees.**

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added.

7877.0120 Subpart 1II. **License fees.**

This rule is being added to provide a specific racing commission licensing fee of zero charge for veterinary student externs.

7877.0125 Subp. 4. **Access to backside of racetrack.**

This rule is being added to clarify that a person who is ineligible to receive a racing commission license may not have access to the backside of the racetrack and may not receive a 72-hour guest pass or be signed in by a trainer, assistant trainer, or any other MRC licensee, as a guest.

7877.0175 Subp. 8b. C. **Veterinarian's list.**

This rule is being amended to allow a Thoroughbred horse that has passed the workout and post work-out assessment to enter, but not race, before the post-workout drug test results are returned.

7878.0130 Subpart 1H. **Basic Course.**

This rule is being amended to allow a newly hired security officer at an association to complete the required cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training within 30 days of their first scheduled training shift rather than before they can start working in that capacity.

7878.0160 Subp. 2. **Notification of searches.**

This rule is being amended to require any illegal contraband seized because of a search by an association or its security personnel, to be delivered to the local law enforcement agency or commission investigator within 24 hours of the search, rather than immediately following the search.

7879.0200 Subpart 1M. **General authority of stewards.**

This rule is being added to grant stewards the authority to summarily suspend a racing commission license pending a hearing, if the stewards determine that a licensee's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, are not in the best interest of racing, or compromise the integrity of operations at a track or satellite facility.

7879.0200 Subpart 1M. 1. **General authority of stewards.**

This rule is being added to give a licensee whose racing commission license has been summarily suspended, the ability to request a hearing within 48 hours following a written request to the commission.

7879.0200 Subpart 1M. 2. **General authority of stewards.**

This rule is being added to require the stewards to conduct a hearing on a summary suspension in the same manner as other disciplinary hearings. The sole issue at a hearing on a summary suspension is whether the licensee's racing commission license should remain suspended pending final disciplinary hearing and ruling.

7883.0100 Subp. 16I. **Workout requirements.**

This rule is corrected as horses requiring a workout are on the veterinarian's list and not the steward's list.

7883.0100 Subp. 20. **Quarter Horses must stand in the gate.**

This rule is being removed as it was too cumbersome for the trainer and starter. The starting gate is not always available the day before or the day of racing so there would be no opportunity for the horse to stand in the gate.

7883.0110 Subp. 2. **In-today horses.**

This rule is being amended to update the word "the" to "a" to include more than just one future race date.

7883.0120 Subp. 1b. C. **Procedure for scratching horses.**

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This rule is being amended to increase the number of horses required to remain in a field for horses to be scratched from a race without penalty. Currently, the rule dictates that horses may be scratched down to a field of seven without penalty. This rule change updates that to a field of eight.

7883.0120 Subp. 1b. E. **Procedure for scratching horses.**

This rule is being added to clarify that a scratch requested by a trainer, owner, or authorized agent on a race day is not final until all scratches requested by a commission veterinarian have been submitted and approved by the stewards. It also clarifies that every entered horse must be examined by a commission veterinarian regardless of a potential scratch.

7883.0120 Subp. 1d. **Horse drawn into two races.**

This rule is being amended to clarify that main-track-only and stakes horses are excluded from being scratched out of the first race they are entered in if they are drawn into the body of another race within seven days or fewer.

7883.0150 Subp. 15. **Tongue ties.**

This rule is being added to require tongue ties that are tied so tightly that the tongue appears blue or purple when the horse reaches the saddling paddock to be loosened before the horse may be saddled. The paddock veterinarian will be responsible for determining if a tongue is tied too tightly.

7883.0150 Subp. 16. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is added to specify what websites and applications will be used to track inclement weather events. The Air Quality Index (AQI) will be monitored using the AirNow application or <https://www.airnow.gov>. The Heat Index will be monitored using the OSHA Heat Index application or <https://www.osha.gov/heat/>. Lightning strikes within a set number of miles from the racetrack will be monitored using the My Lightning Tracker Pro application. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather reports and the National Weather Service RADAR will be used to confirm weather patterns and directions.

7883.0150 Subp. 16A. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to specify cancellation and postponement procedures when the AQI for the racetracks zip code is elevated due to an extreme air pollutant event, including when smoke from wildfires is forecasted or detected.

7883.0150 Subp. 16A. 1. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to specify that when the AQI for the racetracks zip code reaches a level of 150, both equine and human participants will be provided the option to withdraw from competition without penalty.

7883.0150 Subp. 16A. 2. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to specify that when the AQI for the racetracks zip code reaches a level of 175 or higher, no horse racing or training will be conducted.

7883.0250 Subp. 16B. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to specify that when the heat index for the racetracks zip code is projected to reach 105 or higher for more than two consecutive hours, the chief commission veterinarian will recommend to the association that horseracing be postponed or canceled.

7883.0150 Subp. 16C. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to introduce the procedure that must be followed when lightning first strikes within an 8-mile radius of the racetrack.

7883.0150 Subp. 16C. 1. **Questionable weather events.**

This rule is being added to specify that when lightning first strikes within an 8-mile radius of the racetrack, the association must suspend or cancel racing in coordination with MRC stewards. Racing activity may resume after 30 minutes from the last lightning strike within 8 miles of the racetrack, or earlier if an all-clear may be established by weather patterns.

7883.0150 Subp. 16C. 2. **Questionable weather events.**

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If the suspension lasts greater than one hour, the MRC chief veterinarian will discuss cancelling a partial amount of the remaining card or enact a plan to cancel the remainder of the race card.

7883.0160 Subp. 14A. **Horse becomes disabled or otherwise unable to finish.**

This rule is being amended to require a horse that bleeds excessively during or immediately after a race to be transported by horse ambulance to the detention barn for further examination by a commission veterinarian.

7883.0170 A3. a. **Equipment.**

This rule is being amended for Thoroughbreds only.

7883.0170 A3. ai. **Equipment.**

This rule is being amended to match updated HISA regulations on horseshoes for Thoroughbreds.

7883.0170 A3. aii. **Equipment.**

This rule is being amended to match updated HISA regulations on horseshoes for Thoroughbreds.

7883.0170 A3. aiii. **Equipment.**

This rule is being amended to match updated HISA regulations on horseshoes for Thoroughbreds.

7884.0120 Subp. 13D. **Horses denied entry.**

This rule is being added to deny entry of a horse with no physiological abnormalities having two consecutive TCO2 concentrations greater than 35 mMoles/L.

7884.0120 Subp. 19

This rule is being added to require all races with a purse less than \$30,000 to be drawn electronically, unless an exception is granted by the executive director.

7884.0130 Subp. 1a. A3. a. **Preference date.**

This rule is being added to give a state bred horse preference over a non-state bred horse when the same date has occurred for two consecutive races.

7884.0230 Subp. 9. **Tongue ties.**

This rule is being added to require tongue ties that are tied so tightly that the tongue appears blue or purple when the horse comes onto the track be loosened before the horse may continue to race. The track veterinarian is responsible for determining if the tongue is tied too tightly.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. **Cancellation and postponement.**

This rule is being amended to add the specific measurement websites and applications that will be used to track inclement weather events. The Air Quality Index (AQI) will be monitored using the AirNow application or <https://www.airnow.gov>. The Heat Index will be monitored using the OSHA Heat Index application or <https://www.osha.gov/heat/>. Lightning strikes within a set number of miles from the racetrack will be monitored using the My Lightning Tracker Pro application. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather reports and the National Weather Service RADAR will be used to confirm weather patterns and directions.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. A. **Cancellation and postponement.**

This rule is being added to specify cancellation and postponement procedures when the AQI for the racetracks zip code is elevated due to an extreme air pollutant event, including when smoke from wildfires is forecasted or detected.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. A1. **Cancellation and postponement.**

This rule is being added to specify that when the AQI for the racetracks zip code reaches a level of 150, both equine and human participants will be provided the option to withdraw from competition without penalty.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. A2. **Cancellation and postponement.**

This rule is being added to specify that when the AQI for the racetracks zip code reaches a level of 175 or higher, no

horse racing, training, or jogging will be conducted.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. B. Cancellation and postponement.

This rule is being added to specify that when the heat index for the racetracks zip code is projected to reach 105 or higher for more than two consecutive hours, the chief commission veterinarian will recommend to the association that horseracing be postponed or canceled.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. C. Cancellation and postponement.

This rule is being added to introduce the procedure that must be followed when lightning first strikes within an 8-mile radius of the racetrack.

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. C1. Cancellation and postponement.

This rule is being added to specify that when lightning first strikes within an 8-mile radius of the racetrack, the association must suspend or cancel racing in coordination with MRC stewards. Racing activity may resume after 30 minutes from the last lightning strike within 8 miles of the racetrack, or earlier if an all-clear may be established by...

7884.0240 Subp. 1a. C2. Cancellation and postponement.

If the suspension lasts greater than one hour, the MRC chief veterinarian will discuss cancelling a partial amount of the remaining card or enact a plan to cancel the remainder of the race card.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being amended to allow changes related use of the whip.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being amended to change the length of the whip from 36 to 48 inches with an added snapper of 3 inches. It also specifies that the whip cannot be made of leather, tape can only be used on the handle, and the snapper cannot be knotted. The whip specification and requirement rules discussed in subp. 2T are now codified in a new subpart 13.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1a. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being re-lettered from number 1

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1b. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being re-lettered from number 2.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1c. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being re-lettered from number 3.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1d. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being re-lettered from number 4.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 1e. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being re-lettered from number 5.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 2. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being added so the penalty(ies) for a whipping offense are clearly understood.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 2a. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being added to provide the penalty(ies) for whip welt.

7884.0260 Subp. 2T. 2b. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being added to provide the penalty(ies) for whip violations not associated with a whip welt.

7884.0260 Subp. 2W. Conduct after word “go” is given.

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added.

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7884.0260 Subp. 2X. **Conduct after word “go” is given.**

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added.

7884.0260 Subp. 2Y. **Conduct after word “go” is given.**

This rule is being added to require a driver’s arms to always stay below shoulder level while urging a horse during a race. It also restricts driver’s from using any exaggerated movement of either arm while urging the horse.

7884.0260. Subp. 3A. **Breaks.**

This rule is being amended to allow a driver to take a horse that has broken gait to either the inside or outside of other horses where clearance exists to do so.

7884.0260 Subp. 11B. 2. **Pylon violations.**

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added.

7884.0260 Subp. 11B. 3. **Pylon violations.**

This rule is being amended to allow for a new part to be added. The word “judges” is also being updated to “stewards” as a housekeeping change.

7884.0260 Subp. 11B. 4. **Pylon violations.**

This rule is being added describe how the trainer of horse that breaks gait and is taken to the inside of the pylons must proceed. If no unfair advantage is gained by the trainer the horse may remain in the position without a placing.

7884.0260 Subp. 13. **Use of the Whip.**

The whip specification and requirement rules discussed above in subp. 2T are now codified in a new subpart 13.

7890.0100 Subp. 13a. E. **Medication.**

This rule is being added to allow Omeprazole to be administered 24 hours prior to a race and provides the concentration in the test sample that may not be exceeded.

7890.0110 Subp. 8a. B. **Intra-articular injections.**

This rule is being amended to require X-rays of the fetlock to be taken for any horse receiving a corticosteroid injection in the same fetlock joint within a 60-day period.

7890.0160 F. **RESPONSIBILITY OF VETERINARIAN.**

This rule is being added to require a physical examination to be performed and the results, including temperature, pulse, and respiratory rate, be reported to a commission veterinarian for emergency cases not requiring treatment where a race day scratch is requested.

7891.0101 **ENTRY EXAMINATION BY ATTENDING VETERINARIAN.**

This section is being added to ensure that every horse entered to race has been examined by a practicing veterinarian after the horse is entered but before it races.

7890.0101 Subpart 1. **Horses subject to entry examination by attending veterinarian.**

This subpart is being added to specify requirements for a Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse to start in a race.

7890.0101 Subpart 1A. **Horses subject to entry examination by attending veterinarian.**

This rule is being added to provide a time frame for the entry examination.

7890.0101 Subpart 1B. **Horses subject to entry examination by attending veterinarian.**

This rule is being added to specify how the entry examination results are transmitted to the Chief Commission Veterinarian

7890.0101 Subpart 1B. 1. **Horses subject to entry examination by attending veterinarian.**

This rule is being added to describe what a minimum examination includes.

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7890.0101 Subpart 1B. 2. **Horses subject to entry examination by attending veterinarian.**

This rule is being added to provide a timeline for transfer of diagnostic test results from the practicing veterinarian to the commission veterinarian

7891.0110 Subp. 2C. **Test samples to be taken for analysis.**

This rule is being added to require that blood, urine, and cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) samples be taken from a horse with a suspected or known neurological disease prior to or directly after euthanasia and submitted to the appropriate laboratory for analysis.

7895.0300 Subp. 3B. **Distribution of money.**

This rule is being amended to state when Quarter Horse purse earnings do not count towards qualified earnings and stallion awards.

7895.0350 Subp. 3. **Foal registration.**

This rule is being amended to update the term “Minnesota-sired” to “Minnesota-bred.”.

7897.0100 Subp. 7. **Cooperation with security officers.**

This rule is being amended to include regulatory veterinarians in the group of racing officials that people must cooperate with.

7897.0100 Subp. 26. **Furosemide and oral diuretic supplementation.**

This rule is being added to prohibit the possession of furosemide and other diuretic oral solutions, tablets, paste, or other forms, unless it is prescribed for a horse with a documented medical condition and has been approved by a commission veterinarian.

Statutory Authority. The Racing Commission’s statutory authority to adopt the rules is set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 240.03, 240.23 and 240.24.

Minnesota Statutes section 240.03 specifies Racing Commission power and duties which include regulating horse racing in Minnesota to ensure that it is conducted in the public interest and to take all necessary steps to ensure the integrity of racing in Minnesota.

Minnesota Statutes section 240.23 provides the racing commission statutory authority to adopt the rules, as follows:

The Commission has the authority, in addition to all other rulemaking authority granted elsewhere in this chapter to promulgate and adopt rules governing: a) the conduct of horse races held at licensed racetracks in Minnesota, including but not limited to the rules of racing, standards of entry, operation of claiming races, filing and handling of objections, carrying of weights, and declaration of official results, b) wire and wireless communications between the premises of a licensed racetrack and any place outside the premises, c) information on horse races which is sold on the premises of a licensed racetrack, d) liability insurance which it may require of all racetrack licensees, e) the auditing of the books and records of a licensee by an auditor employed or appointed by the Commission, f) emergency action plans maintained by licensed racetracks and their periodic review, g) safety, security, and sanitation of stabling facilities at licensed racetracks, h) entry fees and other funds received by a licensee in the course of conducting racing which the Commission determines must be placed in an escrow account, i) affirmative action in employment and contracting by licensed racetracks, and j) procedures for the sampling and testing of any horse that is eligible to race in Minnesota for substances or practices that are prohibited by law or rule; and k) any other aspect of horse racing or pari-mutuel betting which in its opinion affects the integrity of racing or the public health, welfare, or safety.

Minnesota Statutes section 240.24 authorizes the Racing Commission to “make and enforce rules governing medication and medical testing for horses running at licensed racetracks.”

Publication of Proposed Rules. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed.

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Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the agency contact person. The agency contact person is E. Joseph Newton at the Minnesota Racing Commission, 15201 Zurich Street STE 212, Columbus MN, 55025 at 651-356-1200 (phone), 651-925-3953 (fax), and joseph.newton@state.mn.us (email).

Public Comment. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Minnesota Racing Commission hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the Minnesota Racing Commission will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to affect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Modifications. The Minnesota Racing Commission might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Minnesota Racing Commission follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the State Register, the Minnesota Racing Commission will publish a notice of adoption in the State Register. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the State Register, the Minnesota Racing Commission must publish a copy of the changes in the State Register.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The Minnesota Racing Commission will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules, and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Ask any questions about this requirement of the Campaign Finance and Public

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Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Alternative Format/Accommodation

Upon request, this Statement of Need and Reasonableness can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or audio. To make a request or if you need an accommodation to make the hearing accessible, contact E. Joseph Newton at the Minnesota Racing Commission, 15201 Zurich Street, Suite 212, Columbus, MN 55025; phone 651-356-1200; fax 651-925-3954; or email joseph.newton@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Racing Commission at 800-627-3529.

Dated: January 8, 2026

Kyle Gustafson
Executive Director

7869.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 54, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 54a. **Score.** “Score” means the preliminary practice given to horses after the post parade and prior to being called to line up for the start of a race by the official starter.

[For text of subparts 55 to 67, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 67a. **Traction device.** “Traction device” means inserts, wear plates, rims, toe grabs, bends, jar calks, stickers, ice nails, frost nails, mud nails, or any other device that extends beyond the ground surface of the horseshoe.

Subp. 68. **USTA.** “USTA” means the United States Trotting Association.

Subp. 68a. **Wager.** “Wager” means a bet placed on the outcome of a pari-mutuel race or races.

Subp. 69. **Walkover.** “Walkover” means a race in which there are not two or more horses of separate interest sent postward.

7870.0480 MEDICAL SERVICES.

Subpart 1. **Medical facilities, equipment, and personnel.** A licensed racetrack must provide at least the following medical facilities, equipment, and personnel:

~~A. a fully equipped first aid room with at least two beds;~~

~~B. A.~~ a licensed physician or paramedic, who has been trained in assessing concussions, on the grounds during live racing hours; and

~~C. B.~~ an emergency response team of not less than two emergency medical technicians must be on the grounds and equipped with essential emergency equipment during qualifying and live racing, training, or horse exercising hours.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

7873.0193 PLACE PICK ~~ALL~~ (N).

Subpart 1. **Scope.**

A. The place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool is not a parlay and has no connection with or relation to any other pari-mutuel pool conducted by the association.

B. Place pick (n) wagers require selection of the first place or second place finisher in each of a designated number (n) of contests ranging from as few as three contests to as many as 16 contests.

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C. All contests subject to a specific place pick (n) wager must be held on a single racing day.

Subp. 2. **Ticket is evidence of binding contract.** A place pick ~~all~~ (n) ticket shall be evidence of a binding contract between the holder of the ticket and the racing association and the ticket shall constitute an acceptance of the place pick ~~all~~ (n) provisions and rules.

Subp. 3. **Place pick ~~all~~ (n) may be given a distinctive name.** A place pick ~~all~~ (n) may be given a distinctive name to be selected by the association conducting these races, subject to the approval of the commission.

Subp. 3a. **Specific requirements for commission approval.** To be considered for approval, the association must specifically outline each type of place pick (n) wager to be offered within its pari-mutuel pools request. The pari-mutuel pools request must contain each of the following for every place pick (n) wager that the association desires to offer:

A. the number of contests the place pick (n) wager will comprise;

B. any specific name the association wishes to give the wager as allowed in subpart 3; and

C. a designation of one of the methods of distribution provided in subpart 6. This includes a description of the relevant percentages chosen by the association specific to the chosen method of calculation.

Subp. 4. **Place pick ~~all~~ (n) pool.** The place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool consists of amounts contributed for a selection finishing first or second in each of the races designated by the association with the approval of the commission. Each person purchasing a place pick ~~all~~ (n) ticket shall designate a horse that officially finishes first or second in each of the races comprising ~~that day's racing program~~ the wager.

Subp. 5. **Coupled entries and fields.** Horses constituting an entry of coupled horses or horses coupled to constitute the mutuel field in a race comprising the place pick ~~all~~ (n), shall race as a single wagering interest for the purpose of the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool calculations and payouts to the public. However, if any part of either an entry or the field racing as a single wagering interest is a starter in a race, the entry or the field selection shall remain as the designated selection to win in that race for the place pick ~~all~~ (n) calculation, and the selection shall not be deemed a scratch.

Subp. 6. **Calculation of pool.**

A. The place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool must be calculated according to one of the two methods provided in item B or C, as approved by the commission.

B. One hundred percent of the net amount in the pari-mutuel pool subject to distribution among winning ticket holders shall be distributed among the holders of pari-mutuel tickets which correctly designate the most winning selections officially finishing first or second in each of the races comprising ~~that day's racing program~~ the place pick (n) wager.

C. (1) One hundred percent of the net amount in the pari-mutuel pool subject to distribution among winning ticket holders shall be distributed among the holders of pari-mutuel tickets which correctly designate a horse that officially finishes first or second in each of the races comprising ~~that day's racing program~~ the wager.

(2) In the event there is no pari-mutuel ticket properly issued ~~which that~~ correctly designates a horse ~~that officially finishes~~ finishing first or second in each of the races comprising ~~that day's racing program~~ the wager, 75 percent of the pari-mutuel pool ~~shall must~~ not be distributed but ~~shall must~~ be retained by the association as a distributable amount ~~and shall~~. This distributable amount must be carried over and included in the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool for the next succeeding racing date as an additional net amount to be distributed among the holders of pari-mutuel tickets which correctly designate the official ~~winner in each of the four~~ first or second place finisher in each of the races comprising the place pick four (n) pool that day. The remaining 25 percent shall be distributed among the

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holders of place pick ~~all~~ (n) tickets that correctly designate the most horses officially finishing first or second in each of the races comprising ~~that day's racing program~~ the wager.

[For text of item D, see Minnesota Rules]

E. Should no distribution be made pursuant to item B or C on the last day of the association's meeting, then the entire distributable pool and all money accumulated in the pool shall be distributed to the holders of tickets correctly designating the most winning selections of the races comprising the place pick ~~all~~ (n) for that day. If, for any reason, the final day of racing is canceled or the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pool has not been distributed, the pool shall be escrowed by the association, and the pool, as well as all accrued interest, shall be carried over and included in the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool for the next succeeding racing date as an additional net amount to be distributed.

F. With the permission of the director, a licensee may declare a mandatory payout:

(1) on the next consecutive race day after the place pick ~~all~~ (n) carryover pool has reached a previously approved amount; or

(2) on a day during which a special event has been scheduled.

G. Should no distribution be made pursuant to item B or C, then the entire distributable pool and all money accumulated in the pool must be distributed to the holders of the tickets correctly designating the most winning selections of the races comprising the place pick ~~all~~ (n) for that day.

H. If, for any reason, the day of racing is canceled, or the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pool has not been distributed, the pool must be carried over and included in the place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel pool for the next succeeding racing day as an additional net amount to be distributed.

Subp. 7. **Actual favorite substituted for scratched horse.** In the event a place pick ~~all~~ (n) pari-mutuel ticket designates a selection in any one or more of the races comprising the place pick ~~all~~ (n) and that selection is scratched, excused, or determined by the stewards to be a nonstarter in the race, the actual favorite, as evidenced by the amounts wagered in the win pool at the time of the start of the race, will be substituted for the nonstarting selection for all purposes, including pool calculations and payoffs.

7875.0100 FACILITIES.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Racing surfaces.** Within seven days after a race meeting commences, the association must submit to the commission evidence that the construction, elevation, and composition of racing and training surfaces have received engineering and veterinarian approval as safe and humane. A class D licensee must make the submission seven days before the race meeting. For a racetrack under the jurisdiction of HISA, the racing surfaces report must be submitted to the commission as soon as it is received by the association.

[For text of subparts 5 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7875.0200 EQUIPMENT.

[For text of subparts 1 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 9. **External communications.**

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

~~C. At least one of the public telephones allowed at an association shall be equipped with a TDD device.~~

7877.0120 FEES.

Subpart 1. **License fees.** Each application for a Class C license, or its renewal, shall be accompanied by the payment of an annual fee according to the following schedule:

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[For text of items A to FF, see Minnesota Rules]

GG. tip sheet provider, \$100; and

HH. commission staff or contractor, no charge; and

II. veterinary student extern, no charge.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

7877.0125 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Access to backside of racetrack.** A person deemed ineligible for a license is denied access to the backside of the racetrack and cannot receive a 72-hour pass or be signed in by a trainer, assistant trainer, or any other commission licensee as a guest.

7877.0175 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RACING OFFICIALS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 8a, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8b. **Veterinarian's list.**

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. All workouts required by a commission veterinarian for the purpose of potentially removing a horse from the veterinarian's list must be conducted under the same medication requirements as those for race days. Horses requiring an official timed workout must have documentation from the attending veterinarian that the horse is sound to work as provided in part 7877.0170, subpart 9, item N, have a published workout observed by a commission veterinarian, and pass a post-workout assessment of racing condition by a commission veterinarian, and complete medical testing. Thoroughbred horses are eligible to enter but cannot race before a negative post-workout drug test is obtained under chapter 7892.

[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 8c to 15, see Minnesota Rules]

7878.0130 BASIC COURSE.

Subpart 1. **Applicant shall successfully complete basic course.** No security officer may work in that capacity, except under the continuous direct supervision of an experienced security officer, until the association furnishes proof to the commission that the security officer has successfully completed a basic course that includes at least 16 hours of instruction in the following subject areas:

[For text of items A to G, see Minnesota Rules]

H. cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to be completed within 30 days of the first scheduled training; and

I. report writing.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

7878.0160 SECURITY COOPERATION.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Notification of searches.** Within 24 hours of any searches conducted by an association or its security personnel, the Racing Commission director of racing security or his or her designee must be notified of the searches and any relative circumstances involved. A copy of the inventory sheet of all items confiscated during the searches must accompany the notification. All illegal contraband seized as a result of a search ~~must be immediately delivered to the local law enforcement agency~~ must be secured by the association until contact is made with commission investigators. After consultation with commission investigators, all contraband must be transferred or disposed of

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according to applicable law. Under no circumstances shall the association or its security personnel destroy or otherwise dispose of any illegal contraband.

7879.0200 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

Subpart 1. **General authority of stewards.** The stewards shall exercise immediate supervision, control, and regulation of racing at each licensed race meeting on behalf of the commission and shall be responsible only to the commission. The powers of the stewards shall include:

[For text of items A to J, see Minnesota Rules]

K. for all county fair meets in which the average daily handle for the preceding year was less than \$150,000, the rules of horse racing and pari-mutuel rules shall apply unless waived by the commission after a determination by the commission that the integrity of the race meet and safety to humans or animals would not be affected. In the event circumstances during a race meet require an immediate change so as to expedite the completion of the race day, the board of stewards, after consultation with the director of security, commission veterinarian, or director of pari-mutuels, as determined appropriate under the circumstance, shall thereafter approve the change. In the event the board of stewards is unable to consult with the appropriate commission staff member after a reasonable time, the board of stewards shall approve the change without such consultation; ~~and~~

L. for a period of 90 days after the conclusion of a race meeting at a licensed facility or a county fair meet, jurisdiction to hold hearings and take action with regard to any aspect of racing at the meet shall continue with the board of stewards or, if considered by the commission to be more practical or convenient for the parties concerned, may be exercised by a single knowledgeable person designated by the commission. Any person acting in lieu of the board of stewards under this part shall have all of the authority granted to the board of stewards under this part or any other applicable rule. A person may appeal from any action taken, in the same manner as an appeal may be taken from a steward's hearing; and

M. the authority to summarily suspend a commission license pending a hearing, should the stewards determine that a licensee's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare; are not in the best interest of racing; or compromise the integrity of operations at a track or satellite facility. A licensee whose commission license has been summarily suspended by the stewards is entitled to a hearing within 48 hours following a written request for a hearing by the licensee. The stewards must conduct a hearing on the summary suspension in the same manner as other disciplinary hearings. At a summary suspension hearing, the sole issue is whether the licensee's commission license should remain suspended pending a final disciplinary hearing and ruling.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

7883.0100 ENTRIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 15a, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 16. **Workout requirements.** In order to be eligible:

[For text of items A to H, see Minnesota Rules]

I. For the purpose of removing a horse from the ~~stewards'~~ veterinarian's list, all workouts must be conducted under the same medication requirements as those for race days.

[For text of item J, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 17 to 19, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 20. [See repealer.]

7883.0110 PREFERENCE SYSTEM.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **In-today horses.** When a horse is entered on one day and has an opportunity to start other than in a stakes race or as a main-track-only entry and is also entered for ~~the following~~ a subsequent race day, the second entry will be an

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“in-today” and will not be considered unless the race underfills, nor will such horse be considered on the preferred list.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

7883.0120 SCRATCHES AND NONSTARTERS.

[For text of subparts 1 and 1a, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1b. Procedure for scratching horses.

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. Horses may be scratched down to a field of ~~seven~~ eight without penalty. Any horse that scratches below a field of ~~seven~~ eight horses without a reason allowed by this part must be placed on the stewards' list for a minimum of seven days and may not start until they are off the list.

D. Any racing office request for a scratch must not be allowed unless the horse is coming out of a race to make a race of equal or lesser field size.

E. With the exception of stakes races, a scratch requested by the trainer, owner, or authorized agent on race day is not final until all scratches requested by a commission veterinarian have been submitted and approved by the stewards. Every entered horse must be examined by a commission veterinarian regardless of a potential scratch.

[For text of subpart 1c, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1d. **Horse drawn into two races.** A horse drawn into the body of a race that has drawn into the body of another race to be run within seven days or fewer shall be scratched from the first race. Main-track-only and stakes horses are excluded.

[For text of subparts 2 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7883.0150 PADDOCK TO POST.

[For text of subparts 1 to 14, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 15. **Tongue ties.** Tongue ties tied so tightly that the tongue appears blue or purple when the horse reaches the saddling paddock must be loosened before the horse may be saddled. The paddock veterinarian is responsible for determining if a tongue is tied too tightly.

Subp. 16. **Questionable weather events.** For the purposes of tracking the following weather events, the Air Quality Index (AQI) must be monitored via <https://www.airnow.gov> or via the AirNow application. The heat index must be monitored via <https://www.osha.gov/heat/> or via the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) heat index application. The My Lightning Tracker Pro application must be used to measure lightning strikes within a set number of miles from the racetrack. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather reports and the National Weather Service RADAR must be used to confirm weather patterns and directions.

A. When the AQI for the racetrack's zip code is elevated due to an extreme air pollutant event, including when smoke from wildfires is forecasted or detected, the following procedures must be followed:

(1) when the AQI for the racetrack's zip code reaches a level of 150 degrees Fahrenheit, both equine and human participants must be provided the option to withdraw from competition without penalty; and

(2) when the AQI for the racetrack's zip code is at or above 175 degrees Fahrenheit, no horse racing or training may be conducted.

B. When the heat index for the racetrack's zip code is projected to reach 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for more than two consecutive hours, the chief commission veterinarian must recommend to the association that horse racing be postponed or canceled.

C. When lightning first strikes within an eight-mile radius of the racetrack, the following procedures must be

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followed:

(1) the racetrack must suspend or cancel racing, in coordination with the commission stewards. Racing activity may resume after 30 minutes from the last lightning strike within eight miles of the racetrack, or earlier if an all-clear is established; and

(2) if the suspension lasts longer than one hour, the commission chief veterinarian must discuss with the association canceling a partial amount of the remaining card or implement a plan to cancel the remainder of the race card.

7883.0160 POST TO FINISH.

[For text of subparts 1 to 13, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 14. **Horse becomes disabled or otherwise unable to finish.** Items A to E apply if a horse during the running of a race becomes disabled or otherwise obviously unable to finish.

A. The horse shall be dismounted, unsaddled by the jockey or another MRC commission licensee, and removed from the course by horse ambulance. A horse observed by a regulatory veterinarian to be bleeding excessively during or immediately after a race must be transported by horse ambulance to the detention barn for further examination.

[For text of items B to E, see Minnesota Rules]

7883.0170 RACING EQUIPMENT.

A. Equipment.

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]

(3) Horseshoes are subject to the following specifications:

~~(a) For Thoroughbreds, toe grabs, other than wear plates with a height no greater than two millimeters (0.07874 inches), bends, jar caulks, stickers, and any other traction device worn on the front shoes of Thoroughbred horses while racing or training on all racing surfaces are prohibited.~~

(a) For Thoroughbreds:

i. on dirt surfaces, traction devices, other than full rims two millimeters or less in height from the ground surface of the horseshoe, are prohibited on forelimb horseshoes while racing or training. Traction devices, other than full rims four millimeters or less in height from the ground surface of the horseshoe or toe grabs four millimeters or less in height from the ground surface of the horseshoe, are prohibited on hindlimb horseshoes while racing or training;

ii. on turf surfaces, traction devices are prohibited on forelimb and hindlimb horseshoes; and

iii. on synthetic surfaces, traction devices other than full rims that are two millimeters or less in height from the ground surface of the horseshoes are prohibited on forelimb or hindlimb horseshoes.

[For text of unit (b), see Minnesota Rules]

B. Once inspected and approved by the stewards, no changes may be made in the equipment covered by this part, without subsequent approval of the stewards.

7884.0120 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTERING.

[For text of subparts 1 to 12, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 13. **Horses denied entry.**

[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]

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D. A horse with no documented physiological abnormalities having two consecutive TCO₂ concentrations as defined in part 7890.0100, subpart 16b, greater than 35 mmol/L must be placed on a TCO₂ restricted list and be unable to enter for seven days. Each subsequent concentration greater than 35 mmol/L must result in the horse being placed on the TCO₂ restricted list and unable to enter for 14 days.

[For text of subparts 14 to 18, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 19. **Races with a purse less than \$30,000.** All races with a purse less than \$30,000 must be drawn electronically unless the association requests an exception to this subpart from the executive director. The executive director shall approve the association's request if it is jointly made with the organization representing the majority of horsepersons racing at that race meeting.

7884.0130 PREFERENCE SYSTEM.

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 49 SR 1123]

Subp. 1a. **Preference date.** Preference dates shall be given to horses in all overnight events at extended pari-mutuel tracks in accordance with the following:

A. The date of the horse's last previous start in a purse race during the current year is the horse's preference date with the following exceptions:

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]

(3) Wherever horses have equal preference in a race, the actual preference of said horses in relation to one another shall be determined ~~from the most recent previous starts that do not result in equal preference, when matching dates occur for two consecutive dates, by giving preference to state-bred horses over non-state-bred horses.~~

[For text of subitem (4), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 11 SR 543]

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 11 SR 543]

7884.0230 RACING EQUIPMENT.

[For text of subparts 1 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 9. **Tongue ties.** Tongue ties tied so tightly that the tongue appears blue or purple when the horse comes onto the track must be loosened before the horse may continue to race. The track veterinarian is responsible for determining if a tongue is tied too tightly.

7884.0240 POST TIME AND STARTING.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Cancellation and postponement.** In the case of questionable racetrack or racing conditions due to weather, the presiding judge shall call a meeting consisting of an agent of the track member, a representative of the ~~horseman~~ horsepersons, and the chief commission veterinarian to determine if cancellation or postponement of races is necessary. The presiding judge has the final authority to cancel or postpone races. For the purposes of tracking the following weather events, the Air Quality Index (AQI) must be monitored via <https://www.airnow.gov> or via the AirNow application. The heat index must be monitored via <https://www.osha.gov/heat/> or via the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) heat index application. The My Lightning Tracker Pro application must be used to measure lightning strikes within a set number of miles from the racetrack. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather reports and the National Weather Service RADAR must be used to confirm weather patterns and directions.

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A. When the AQI for the racetrack's zip code is elevated due to an extreme air pollutant event, including when smoke from wildfires is forecasted or detected, the following procedures must be followed:

(1) when the AQI for the racetrack's zip code reaches a level of 150, both equine and human participants must be provided the option to withdraw from competition without penalty; and

(2) when the AQI for the racetrack's zip code is at or above 175, no horseracing, training, or jogging may be conducted.

B. When the heat index for the racetrack's zip code is projected to reach 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for more than two consecutive hours, the chief commission veterinarian must recommend to the association that horseracing be postponed or canceled.

C. When lightning first strikes within an eight-mile radius of the racetrack, the following procedures must be followed:

(1) the racetrack must suspend or cancel racing, in coordination with the commission stewards. Racing activity may resume after 30 minutes from the last lightning strike within eight miles of the racetrack, or earlier if an all-clear is established; and

(2) if the suspension lasts longer than one hour, the commission chief veterinarian must discuss with the association canceling a partial amount of the remaining card or implement a plan to cancel the remainder of the race card.

[For text of subparts 2 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

7884.0260 DRIVING RULES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Conduct after word "go" is given.** After the word "go" is given, no driver shall:

[For text of items A to S, see Minnesota Rules]

~~T. use a whip exceeding 36 inches in length, including a built-in popper no longer than three inches in length, or use unreasonable or unnecessary force in the whipping of a horse, nor whip any horse causing visible injury, nor whip any horse about the head including but not limited to trailing horses, nor whip any horse after the finish line has been crossed except when it has been deemed by the board of stewards necessary to control the horse. The board of stewards must notify a commission veterinarian to conduct any postrace examination on any horse deemed to have been subject to unreasonable or unnecessary force. The following actions shall be considered indiscriminate, unreasonable, or unnecessary uses of the whip:~~

~~(1) any one-handed whipping;~~

~~(2) the use of the whip other than the area inside and above the level of the shafts of the sulky and between the sulky shafts;~~

~~(3) whipping under the arch or shafts of the sulky, use of the whip as a goading or poking device, or placing the whip between the legs of the horse;~~

~~(4) using the whip when it does not appear that the horse is advancing its position in the race and appears exhausted or not in contention; or~~

~~(5) any whipping other than by wrist action only or where the whipping arm is raised above the driver's shoulder height;~~

T. violate the whip requirements of subpart 13;

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U. punch, jab, or kick a horse;

V. allow his or her horse to break from its gait for the purpose of losing a race;

W. fail to keep a line in each hand, with both hands in front of the driver, until the finish of the race; ~~and~~

X. lay back at an angle greater than 45 degrees; and

Y. use any exaggerated movement of either arm while urging the horse. Arms must stay below shoulder level at all times while urging a horse during the race.

Subp. 3. **Breaks.** When a horse breaks from its gait the driver shall:

A. take the horse to either the inside or outside of other horses ~~or~~ where clearance exists;

B. properly attempt to pull the horse to its gait; and

C. drop back from the field while on the break.

[For text of subparts 4 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 11. **Pylon violations.**

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. For purposes of placing, the following apply:

[For text of subitem (1), see Minnesota Rules]

(2) if a horse while on stride, or any part of the horse's sulky, goes inside three or more consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed last; ~~or~~

(3) if in the opinion of the ~~judges~~ stewards a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside a pylon or pylons and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the ~~judges~~ stewards; or

(4) if a driver takes a horse to the inside of the pylons, the horse must continuously lose ground and reenter the racing surface as soon as possible without causing interference to other horses. If the driver complies with this subitem and the stewards determine that no unfair advantage has been gained, the horse may remain in its position without a disqualification. The steward's decision on the matter is final.

Subp. 12. **Double riders on sulky.** At no time may there be more than one individual on a single-seat sulky.

Subp. 13. **Use of the whip.**

A. A driver must not:

(1) use a whip exceeding 48 inches (four feet) in length, plus a snapper no longer than three inches in length,

(2) use unreasonable or unnecessary force in the whipping of a horse;

(3) whip any horse causing visible injury;

(4) whip any horse about the head, including a trailing horse; or

(5) whip any horse after the finish line has been crossed except when it has been deemed by the board of

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stewards necessary to control the horse.

B. No leather or unusual materials may be used.

C. The snapper must not be knotted, and tape is only permitted on the handle of the whip.

D. All other modifications of the whip are prohibited.

E. The board of stewards must notify a commission veterinarian to conduct any postrace examination on any horse deemed to have been subject to unreasonable or unnecessary force.

F. The following actions are considered indiscriminate, unreasonable, or unnecessary uses of the whip:

(1) any one-handed whipping;

(2) the use of the whip other than the area inside and above the level of the shafts of the sulky and between the sulky shafts;

(3) whipping under the arch or shafts of the sulky, use of the whip as a goading or poking device, or placing the whip between the legs of the horse;

(4) using the whip when it does not appear that the horse is advancing its position in the race and appears exhausted or not in contention; or

(5) any whipping other than by wrist action only or where the whipping arm is raised above the driver's shoulder height.

G. A driver's penalty is based on the number of whipping offenses that the driver has had over the 90-day period that includes and immediately precedes the date of the most recent offense.

(1) For penalties associated with welts, the fine schedule starts at \$500 and a three-day driving suspension per offense.

(2) For penalties not associated with welts, the fine schedule below is used.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Driving Day Suspension</u>
<u>1st</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>3rd</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>12</u>

7890.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 13, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 13a. **Medication.** "Medication" is a substance, compound, or element, or combination thereof, which is or can be administered to a horse for the purpose of preventing, curing, or alleviating the effects of any disease, condition, ailment, or infirmity, or symptom thereof, or for altering in any way the behavior, attitude, temperament, or performance of a horse, including athletic performance. Medication includes all alkalinizing agents, analgesics, anesthetics, depressants, narcotics, stimulants, tranquilizers, and other classifications of medications. Nothing herein shall be deemed to include:

[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

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E. Omeprazole, provided that the medication has not been administered within 24 hours of racing. The concentration of omeprazole in the test sample must not exceed more than 10ng/mL plasma or serum.

[For text of subparts 13b to 21, see Minnesota Rules]

7890.0110 MEDICATIONS AND PRACTICES PROHIBITED.

[For text of subparts 1 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8a. Intra-articular injections.

A. For Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses, the use of any intra-articular injection within 14 days of the race in which the horse is entered is prohibited.

B. For Thoroughbreds, the use of a corticosteroid injection in the fetlock joint is prohibited within 30 days of the race in which the horse is entered. X-rays of the fetlock must be taken for any horse receiving a corticosteroid injection in the same fetlock joint within a 60-day period.

C. For Standardbreds, the use of any intra-articular injection within seven days of the race in which the horse is entered is prohibited.

[For text of subparts 9 to 13, see Minnesota Rules]

7890.0160 RESPONSIBILITY OF VETERINARIAN.

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

F. For emergency cases not requiring treatment where a race day scratch is requested, the attending veterinarian must perform a physical examination on the horse and report the results, including temperature, pulse, and respiratory rate, to a commission veterinarian.

7891.0101 ENTRY EXAMINATION BY ATTENDING VETERINARIAN.

A. A Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse must only start if:

(1) the horse has been examined by an attending veterinarian licensed by the Racing Commission in the jurisdiction where the examination occurs within three days after the close of entries and no later than two days before the start of the race; and

(2) the attending veterinarian certifies and electronically submits a report to the chief commission veterinarian or designee that the horse is in serviceable and sound racing condition.

B. The examination required under this part shall include, at a minimum, examination of the legs and observation of the horse at rest and while jogging.

C. If the attending veterinarian examining the horse prescribes a diagnostic test as part of the soundness examination, the test results shall be provided to the commission veterinarian no later than one day before the horse is set to start.

7891.0110 POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Test samples to be taken for analysis.

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. Blood, urine, and cerebral spinal fluid samples from a horse with a suspected or known neurological disease must be obtained prior to or directly after euthanasia and submitted to the appropriate laboratory for analysis.

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[For text of subparts 3 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]

7895.0300 QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' FUND.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Distribution of money.** The award money available from the Quarter Horse breeders' fund shall be distributed as follows:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. "Stallion awards" shall be paid to the stallion owner or recorded lessee (at the time of breeding) of a Minnesota-bred and sired horse that earns purse earnings in any North American pari-mutuel race. The amount of award shall be a percentage of the total amount available for all awards. Purse earnings earned in any North American race that is conducted outside of Minnesota during the on or after the first scheduled Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting live race and on or before the last scheduled Minnesota Quarter Horse live race shall not count toward qualified earnings. A horse's earnings in any single race must not be worth more than the winner's share of the largest purse offered during the Minnesota Thoroughbred racing meeting.

[For text of subparts 4 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7895.0350 QUARTER HORSE REGISTRATION.

[For text of subparts 1 to 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Foal registration.** For a horse foaled in Minnesota to be registered as a ~~Minnesota-sired~~ Minnesota-bred horse, the following requirements must be met:

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 4 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]

7897.0100 PROHIBITED ACTS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 6a, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Cooperation with security officers and racing officials.** No person shall fail to comply with orders of security officers or racing officials, including regulatory veterinarians, or interfere with security officers or racing officials, including regulatory veterinarians, in the performance of their official duties. No racing official shall fail to comply with orders of a steward while in the performance of the steward's duties.

[For text of subparts 8 to 25, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 26. **Furosemide and oral diuretic supplementation.** Unless prescribed for a horse with a documented medical condition and approved by the chief commission veterinarian, the possession of furosemide and other diuretic oral solutions, tablets, paste, or other forms is prohibited.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 7883.0100, subpart 20, is repealed.

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Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Public Hearing by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development with Respect to a Proposed Project and the Provision of Funds from the Minnesota Forward Fund Program under Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 on one (1) proposal to provide funding through the Minnesota Forward Fund Program (“MFF”) pursuant to authority granted under *Minnesota Statutes* 116J.8752. This hearing is conducted in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 116J.994, Subd. 5.

Description of Project and Proposed MFF Funding:

Seagate Technology LLC is a leading provider of data storage technology and infrastructure solutions that enable enterprises and end users to confidently store and unlock the value of their data. Seagate Technology LLC’s principal products are hard disk drives, commonly referred to as disk drives, hard drives or hard disk drives (“HDDs”). In addition to HDDs, they produce a broad range of data storage and storage subsystems and offer storage solutions such as a scalable edge-to-cloud mass data platform that includes data transfer shuttles and a storage-as-a-service cloud. Seagate Technology LLC continues to transition to and ramp heat-assisted magnetic recording (“HAMR”) technology in its Bloomington wafer manufacturing facility, which will boost domestic exabyte production of advanced HAMR recording heads once equipped with state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing machinery. Seagate Technology LLC’s investment in the project is expected to be approximately \$255,000,000 over five years. Seagate Technology LLC expects to create one hundred forty-four (144) new jobs at an average cash wage of \$34.73. The project may be eligible for an award of up to \$10,000,000 from the MFF, which may be forgiven if project goals are met.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference should contact David Leslie, Senior Loan Officer, at (651) 259-7092 or david.leslie@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing for instructions on how to participate in the call.

Interested persons may mail written comments to David Leslie at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 or e-mail david.leslie@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to award funds from the MFF.

Department of Health

Division of Health Regulation – Managed Care Systems Section Notice of Application for Essential Community Provider Status - St. David’s

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for designation as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) has been submitted to the Commissioner of Health by **ST. DAVID’S**. Clinical services are offered at **3395 PLYMOUTH ROAD MINNETONKA, MN 55305**.

An ECP is a health care provider that serves high-risk, special needs, and underserved individuals. In order to be

designated as an ECP, a provider must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* Section 62Q.19 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 4688. The public is allowed 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice to submit written comments on the application. The commissioner will approve or deny the application once the comment period and compliance review is complete.

For more information contact:

Managed Care Systems Section
Division of Health Regulation
Minnesota Department of Health
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Department of Health

Division of Health Regulation – Managed Care Systems Section

Notice of Application for Essential Community Provider Status - Western Mental Health Center

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for designation as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) has been submitted to the Commissioner of Health by **WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**. Clinical services are offered at **1212 EAST COLLEGE DRIVE MARSHALL, MN 56258**.

An ECP is a health care provider that serves high-risk, special needs, and underserved individuals. In order to be designated as an ECP, a provider must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* Section 62Q.19 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 4688. The public is allowed 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice to submit written comments on the application. The commissioner will approve or deny the application once the comment period and compliance review is complete.

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Department of Public Safety

Minnesota State Patrol

Request for Comments for Possible Rules Relating to School-Bus Safety and Wheelchair Securement Devices; Revisor's ID Number R-04241

Subject of rules. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety requests comments on the department's possible rules on school-bus safety and wheelchair securement devices under Minnesota Rules, chapters 7470 and 7450, respectively.

The Minnesota State Patrol is responsible for regulating school buses used for transporting students when the bus is operated on a public street or highway. Within the State Patrol, the Office of Pupil Transportation Safety oversees all department activities for school-bus safety.

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The rule chapter for school-bus safety hasn't been substantively amended since 1995, and much of the rule originally prescribed equipment and inspections standards, which have since been incorporated into statute.

The remaining rule provisions relate to school-bus operation and to driver-training requirements for transporting students with disabilities. In these provisions, the department has identified inconsistencies between existing rule and statute as well as the need to update the rule to reflect best practices in school-bus safety. Other changes will reformat the rule to better differentiate between training and operational requirements.

The State Patrol is also responsible for inspecting operators of transportation services to ensure that their wheelchair securement devices comply with Minnesota Statutes, sections 299A.11 to 299A.17—these statutory standards were updated in the 2019 legislative session. At that time, the legislature repealed the department's statutory authority for the corresponding rules. Accordingly, the department plans to repeal the entire rule chapter.

People affected. The rule amendments will likely affect the following people:

1. school-bus drivers and school-bus companies;
2. public and private schools, their students, and employees responsible for school-bus transportation and safety;
3. HeadStart schools and child-care providers that contract for school-bus transportation;
4. the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association;
5. the Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation;
6. the Minnesota Departments of Education and Transportation;
7. organizations or associations that represent or advocate for public and private schools or their employees;
8. organizations or associations that advocate for students with disabilities; and
9. operators—but excluding school buses—that transport a person in a wheelchair in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 299A.11 to 299A.17.

Statutory authority. The department has the statutory authority to amend and adopt rules on school-bus safety under Minnesota Statutes, sections 168.102 and 169.449.

The department has the statutory authority to repeal rules on wheelchair securement devices under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.3895.

Public comment. Interested individuals or groups may email or mail comments or information on the possible rules until the department publishes a notice of intent to adopt the rules. The department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from this notice's publication date.

Rules drafts. The department has not yet drafted the possible rules but anticipates that rule drafts will be available on its website (<https://dps.mn.gov/about-dps/programs-and-legislative-requirements/rulemaking#search=rulemaking>) when drafts become available.

Agency contact person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive rule drafts, and requests for more information on the possible rules should be directed to Ian Lewenstein, dps.rulemaking@state.mn.us, 651-201-7180, or the Department of Public Safety, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Alternative format. Upon request, the information in this notice can be made available in an alternative format such as large print, braille, or audio. To make a request, please contact Ian Lewenstein.

Note: If the department starts a proceeding to adopt rules, comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge.

The department must submit to the administrative law judge only written comments received in response to the rules after they are formally proposed in a notice of intent to adopt rules published in the *State Register*. If you submit

comments before the notice is published and you want to ensure that the administrative law judge reviews your comments, you should resubmit your comments after the rules are formally proposed.

January 20, 2026

Bob Jacobson, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Department of Revenue

Request for Comments for Possible Amendments to Department of Revenue Rule Governing Transfer of Cigars or Other Tobacco Products Within the State, *Minnesota Rules*, part 8120.4100; Revisor's ID Number R-4927

Subject of Rules. The Department of Revenue ("Department") requests comments on a possible amendment to *Minnesota Rules*, part 8120.4100 (the "Rule"), which governs the transfer of cigars or other tobacco products within the state. The Rule has not been updated since 2006.

The Department is considering the following three categories of amendments to the Rule: 1) adding a reference to the unique tax rate for premium cigars, which was enacted by the 2013 legislature via 2013 *Minnesota Laws*, chapter 143, article 5, section 13; 2) eliminating Rule text that unnecessarily repeats statutory text; and 3) making other changes that make the Rule easier for taxpayers to understand.

The Department is still finalizing its Rule proposal, so we are not sharing specific proposed amendments at this time. This Request for Comments seeks suggested changes the public thinks should be made to the current Rule text. If the Department decides to move forward after receiving public input, we will share the specific proposed amendments during the Notice of Intent to Adopt phase of the rulemaking.

Persons Affected. Any amendment to the Rule would affect Chapter 297F distributors that transfer cigars or other tobacco products within the state.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297F.02, subdivision 1, authorizes the Department to "prescribe rules consistent with the provisions of [Chapter 297F] for its detailed and efficient administration."

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit written comments until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026. Submit comments directly to the Agency Contact Person (contact information below) or via the Court of Administrative Hearings rulemaking e-comments website <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>.

The Department will not move to the next phase of the rulemaking, which is publication of a Notice of Intent to Adopt a rule amendment, until more than 60 days after publication of this Request for Comments. This next Notice of Intent to Adopt phase of the rulemaking provides another opportunity for public comment.

Agency Contact Person. Written questions, requests for more information, and public comments may be directed to:

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600 N. Robert St., Mail Station 2220
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Alternative Format. Upon request, this information may be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please reach out to the agency contact person (contact information above).

NOTE: Comments received in response to this request will not necessarily be included in the rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to

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submit to the judge only written comments received after Rule updates are formally proposed during the Notice of Intent to Adopt phase of the rulemaking, which takes place after this Request for Comments phase. If you submit comments during this Request for Comments phase of the rulemaking and want to ensure the judge reviews them, you should resubmit comments during the Notice of Intent to Adopt phase.

Dated: January 20, 2026

Commissioner Paul Marquart
Minnesota Department of Revenue

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) Request for Proposals for the HOME American Rescue Plan Program

Minnesota Housing announces the availability of approximately \$31 million in funding to increase housing stability by addressing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. These authorized funds will be allocated under the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME ARP) Program through a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process.

Applications are due to Minnesota Housing by Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at noon Central time.

The HOME ARP Program provides financing to help preserve or increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing and supportive services. HOME ARP Program funds are intended to benefit specific qualifying populations and low-income households. Minnesota Housing will use its one-time allocation of HOME ARP Program funds to provide financing to selected applicants for any of the following activities: new construction (with or without acquisition), acquisition with rehabilitation, and rehabilitation (without acquisition), as well as operating cost assistance with one of the activity types.

HOME ARP Program regulations require that funds primarily benefit the four qualifying populations. These qualifying populations are defined in Minnesota Housing's HOME ARP Program Guide.

More program information and application materials are available on Minnesota Housing's ***HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME ARP) Funding*** webpage.

Questions about the program should be directed to Cindy Diel at MHFA.HOME-ARP@state.mn.us.

This request does not obligate the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this solicitation are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Minnesota Department of Human Services Notice of Grant Opportunities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) places notice of any available grant opportunities on the DHS Grant Requests for Proposals website: *Open grants, RFPs and RFIs*.

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State advertises contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New notices may be added daily and will remain posted for the duration specified in each individual notice. For questions or to report any issues viewing the information on the website, please email Minnesota State at Sourcing@MinnState.edu.

State Contracts

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural, Engineering, Owner's Representative, Real Estate and other Professional and Technical Services for the Professional / Technical Roster

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("Minnesota State"), requests information and qualifications of Minnesota registered consultants to provide Minnesota State and its member institutions facilities-related professional and technical services as needed for up to a five-year period. Campus projects will vary in scope and may involve professional or technical specialty services such as Architectural Design, Predesign, Building Envelope, Commissioning, Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Inspectors and Laboratories, Land Surveyor, Landscape Architectural Design, Owner's Representative, Real Estate, or Technology, among others. This RFQ will result in a prequalified Facilities P/T Roster database that campuses can refer to in planning and executing projects in accordance with Minnesota State procurement policies and procedures. The RFQ documents are available on the *Minnesota State QuestCDN Private Interface*. Responses must be received no later than **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. CT**. Late responses will not be considered. The RFQ is not a guarantee of work and does not obligate Minnesota State to award any contracts. Minnesota State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in Minnesota State's best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Minnesota West Community & Technical College Notice of Request for Fluid Power Training Institute Hydraulic Trainers

Trainers must meet the following minimum requirements and include packaging and shipping to Canby, MN.

Qty	Item#	Description
1	MF102D-H-TSE	Double-Station Hydraulic Trainer with Electronic Troubleshooting
2	MF102-DA	Diagnostic Accessories
2	MF102-LS	Load-Sensing Pump Option
1	MF100-ACC	Accumulator with Differential
1	MF100-EHCM-TSE	Electro-Hydraulic Control Module
1	MF100-MDCV-TSE	Mobile Directional Control Valve
1	MF100-OSV-TSE	Orbitrol Steering Valve Module
1	MF100-PDCV	Proportional Directional Control Valve Module
1	MF100-PDCV-L	Proportional Directional Control Valve Module with Feedback
1	MF100-SVM-TSE	Stacked Valve Module

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, is requesting proposals for the Hydraulic Trainer. Delivery is preferred by 6 to 8 weeks after purchase.

Proposals must be sealed with a notation on the outside of the envelope stating: Bid for Hydraulic Trainer DELIVER IMMEDIATELY.

Mail or delivered (faxes and email will not be accepted) sealed proposals must be delivered no later than January 28th, 2026 by 12:00pm:

Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Attn: Diana Fliss
1101 1st St W
Canby, MN 56220

PROPOSAL CLOSE DATE is January 28th at 12:00 pm CST

Minnesota Competency Attainment Board (MNCAB) Request for Proposals for Human Resources Management (HRM) System

The Minnesota Competency Attainment Board (MNCAB) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for the development and implementation of a Human Resources Management (HRM) System to enhance and support its personnel management functions.

The request for proposal does not obligate MNCAB to award a contract or complete the project, and it reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is in the agency's best interest.

Interested vendor submissions must be received by MNCAB no later than 11:59 p.m. CST, February 1, 2026. Electronic proposal submissions may be sent to Allison Holbrook, RFP Administrator at info.mncab@mncab.us with the subject line: "Request for Proposal - Human Resources Management (HRM) System". Please contact the RFP Administrator if an alternate submission method is necessary.

A complete copy of the Request for Proposal may be found on the Minnesota Competency Attainment Board website at www.mn.gov/cab.

Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate Requests for Bids for printing the Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature

The Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate are seeking bids from qualified printers to provide printing services for the Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature.

The size of the publication will be 4" x 6". The Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature will contain approximately 432 pages plus cover.

All bids must be submitted on the forms accompanying the specifications in a sealed envelope and delivered to Third Floor, Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155, or delivered via email to Andrew.VonBank@house.mn.gov, no later than January 30, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

A copy of the Request for Bids packet can be obtained by contacting: Andrew VonBank, Third Floor, Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155, phone: 651-296-1320, email: Andrew.VonBank@house.mn.gov.

Other department personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the Request for Bids with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

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Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT's Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please email the Consultant Services Helpline at ptconsultantserviceshelpline.dot@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Zoo

Request for Proposals for Campus Heating Engineering Design

PROJECT NAME: Campus Heating Engineering Design

DETAILS: The Minnesota Zoo (Zoo) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for planning and consulting to develop a heating system roadmap that evaluates existing conditions, defines feasible alternatives, and provides schematic-level design and phased implementation strategies with associated costs to meet the Zoo's long-term reliability and sustainability requirements.

There is a mandatory in person pre-proposal meeting at 9:00 AM, Central Time, January 28, 2026, and there is an opportunity to ask questions through 1:00 PM, Central Time, January 30, 2026. The project is anticipated to start mid-March 2026.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Lisa Fay, Contracts Coordinator
Minnesota Zoological Garden
lisa.fay@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email not later than 1:00 PM, Central Time, February 10, 2026. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Printed/fax/mailed proposals will **not** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

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The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

Friends of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Milwaukee Avenue Historic District Resurvey

Location: Milwaukee Avenue, Minneapolis, MN
Project Name: Milwaukee Avenue Historic District Resurvey
MN Historical Society Grant No.: 2507-30541
Proposals due at: February 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Notice to proposers: Proposals for the project listed above will be received by the Friends of Milwaukee Avenue Historic District (FMAHD) electronically via email at friendsmahd@gmail.com, until the date and hour indicated. The project scope includes:

Scope of Services: A historical consultant will be engaged to prepare a contextual history of the district that expands upon the existing local designation study, recommends a period of significance, and updates the inventory of contributing and non-contributing properties. The consultant will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for history and/or architectural history as outlined in the Federal Register of 9/29/83.

The project will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant guidelines.

NOTE: Additional information and other documents for the RFP are available for review on the FMAHD's website at: <https://www.friendsofmahd.org>

Affirmative Action: All proposers shall abide by the state of Minnesota's official non-discrimination policy in employment and procurement as posted by the *Minnesota Department of Human Rights*.

QUESTIONS: Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to Debra Randorf, email: friendsmahd@gmail.com, or phone number: 347-404-4574

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Apron Lighting LED Upgrade P1

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Apron Lighting LED Upgrade P1
MAC Contract No.: 106-1-392
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

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Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 17%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online as indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #9944879 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Perimeter Gate Security Improvements and GSE Maintenance Facility

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2026 Perimeter Gate Security Improvements and GSE Maintenance Facility
MAC Contract No.:	106-1-381 & 106-3-706
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

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Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 20%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Project Labor Agreement: This project is subject to the MAC's Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix D.

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Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the **QuestCDN website**. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10006599 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC’s web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 21D Taxiway Echo Edge Lighting and Signage

Airport Location:	Lake Elmo Airport
Project Name:	2026 21D Taxiway Echo Edge Lighting and Signage
MAC Contract No.:	111-1-043
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on February 12, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on February 12, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via **QuestCDN’s website** until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 15%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the office of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.; at QuestCDN Online as indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the **QuestCDN website**. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ 9964295 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC’s web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Taxiway R/Airside Roadway Improvements

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Taxiway R/Airside Roadway Improvements
MAC Contract No.: 106-1-378/391/402
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

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Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 7%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online as indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10003740 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Terminal 1 Inbound Roadway Median Improvements

Airport Location: Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Terminal 1 Inbound Roadway Median Improvements
MAC Contract No.: 106-3-701
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

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Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new

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business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 11%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the office of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10000844 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC’s web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 EMC Plant Upgrades

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2026 EMC Plant Upgrades
MAC Contract No.:	106-2-1143
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on February 11, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on February 11, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

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Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 7%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10011946 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For

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this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 20, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Lighting Infrastructure Technology and Equipment (LITE)

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2026 Lighting Infrastructure Technology and Equipment (LITE)
MAC Contract No.:	106-2-1120
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on February 10, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 11%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10013017 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Terminal 2 Gate Area Improvements

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Terminal 2 Gate Area Improvements
MAC Contract No.: 106-3-744
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on February 12, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on February 12, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal, <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com> to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 16%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Project Labor Agreement: This project is subject to the MAC's Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix D.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ # 10010871 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on January 12, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

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