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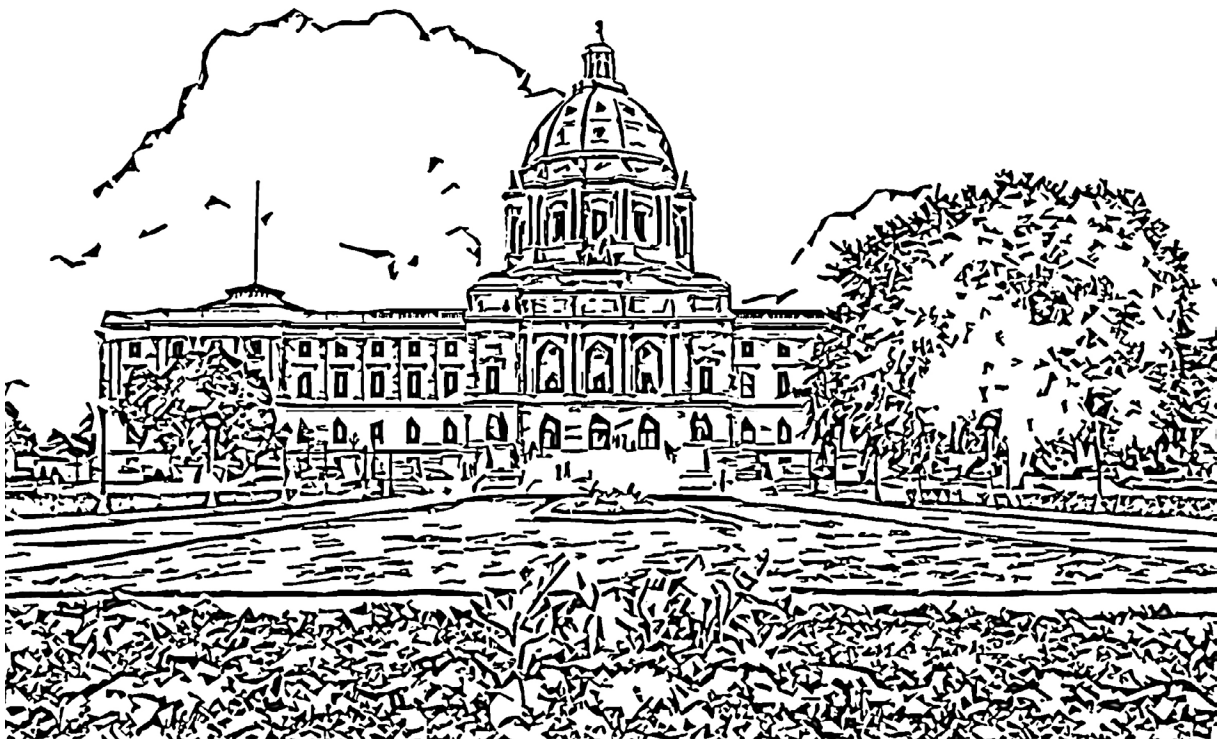
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NOTICE: How to Follow State Agency Rulemaking in the State Register

The State Register is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the State Register. Published every Monday, the State Register makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific Minnesota Rule chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the Minnesota Rules are published. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the State Register.

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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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.

The State Register features partial and cumulative listings of rules in this section on the following schedule: issues #1-26 inclusive (issue #26 cumulative for issues #1-26); issues #27-52 inclusive (issue #52, cumulative for issues #27-52 or #53 in some years). A subject matter index is updated weekly and is available upon request from the editor. For copies or subscriptions to the State Register, contact the editor at 651-201-3204 or email at sean.plemmons@state.mn.us

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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 Department of Public Safety

Driver and Vehicle Services

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Driver’s License Agents and Deputy Registrars; Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing

In the Matter of the Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Driver’s License Agents and Deputy Registrars;
Revisor’s ID No. R-4975; CAH Docket No. 25-9018-41749

Introduction. The Department of Public Safety intends to adopt rules without a public hearing under Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.22 to 14.28. By 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, you may submit written comments on the proposed rules and may also submit a written request that a hearing be held on the rules.

Agency contact person. Please send questions to Ian Lewenstein, dps.rulemaking@state.mn.us, 651-201-7180, or the Department of Public Safety, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Subject of rules and statutory authority. The proposed rules amend requirements for driver’s license agents and deputy registrars and are in response to 2024 legislation requiring the department to establish a competitive-bidding process for appointing a replacement driver’s license agent or deputy registrar if either wants to continue offering licensing and vehicle services at a closed office location.

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The department must establish this competitive-bidding process in its respective rule chapters for driver's license agents and deputy registrars under Minnesota Rules, chapters 7404 and 7406. The department proposes a process that will promote transparency, encourage competition, and help ensure that high-quality services continue to be offered to Minnesotans.

The department also makes technical changes to deposit and reporting requirements, removes obsolete language, amends requirements that conflict with statute, and revises the rules to improve clarity.

The statutory authority to adopt the rules is under Minnesota Statutes, sections 168.33, subdivisions 8b and 9; and 171.061, subdivisions 5a and 6.

A free copy of the proposed rule is published in the *State Register* and is available on the department's rulemaking web page (<https://dps.mn.gov/about-dps/programs-and-legislative-requirements/rulemaking>) or upon request to Ian Lewenstein.

You may also review the proposed rules and submit written comments via the Court of Administrative Hearings' eComments website (<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/>).

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, to comment—supporting or opposing—on the proposed rules, including any specific rule part. **Comments on the rule or requests for a public hearing must be submitted via the eComments website (<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/>).** If you cannot use the eComments website, you may submit comments in person, via US mail, or by facsimile addressed to Judge McKenzie at the Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 Robert Street North, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, or fax (651) 539-0310.

The department strongly encourages public comment—especially if the proposed rules affect you—and your comments should identify which rule part you are commenting on, the reason for the comment, and any proposed change. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during the comment period.

Requesting public hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the department hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026. You must include your name and address in your request and identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire rule. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is invalid and does not count as a hearing request.

You are also encouraged to state why you are requesting a hearing and any changes that you want made to the proposed rules.

Holding public hearing. If 25 or more people submit a written request for a public hearing before the comment period ends, the department must hold a public hearing. The department will then proceed according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and must publish a notice of the public hearing in the *State Register* and notify people who submitted a written request for the public hearing.

Withdrawing requests for public hearing. If enough requests for a hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number of hearing requests below 25, the department must give written notice to all persons who requested a hearing and explain that enough persons have withdrawn their hearing requests. The department's notice on withdrawing requests must comply with additional requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.25, subdivision 2.

Modifications. The department may modify the proposed rules because of public comment or as otherwise needed to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act. The department must support modifications with information or evidence, including public comments sent to the department. Unless the department follows the procedure under Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2110, the adopted rules may not be substantially different than the proposed rules.

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Statement of Need and Reasonableness. In the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR), the department justifies why the proposed rules are needed to establish a competitive-bidding process for appointing a replacement driver's license agent or deputy registrar and why the department's proposed rules are reasonable.

The department also describes who the rules will affect and estimates the rules' probable cost. The SONAR is now available upon request to Ian Lewenstein and is also available on the department's rulemaking web page (<https://dps.mn.gov/about-dps/programs-and-legislative-requirements/rulemaking>). You may review the SONAR or get a copy by contacting Ian Lewenstein.

Lobbyist registration. A lobbyist must register with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (see Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A). You may ask questions about this requirement by contacting the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at 190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adopting and reviewing rules. If a hearing isn't required, the department may adopt the rules after the comment period ends. The department will then submit the rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings to review for legality. Please contact Ian Lewenstein if you want to:

1. be notified when the department submits the rules to the court;
2. receive a copy of the adopted rules; or
3. register with the department to receive notice of future rule proceedings.

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.

August 17, 2026

Bob Jacobson, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

7404.0100 DEFINITIONS.

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

Subp. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 1, clause (1), but does not include a bidder under subpart 5b.

Subp. 4. **Application.** "Application" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 1, clause (2), but does not include a bid under subpart 5a.

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

[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5a. **Bid.** "Bid" means an application for replacing an agent under part 7404.0380.

Subp. 5b. **Bidder.** "Bidder" means an individual submitting a bid to replace an agent under part 7404.0380.

[For text of subparts 6 and 7, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8. **Collected or collection.** "Collected" or "collection" means:

A. the receipt of application and reinstatement fees and other related fees paid by an applicant less the filing fee ~~specified in~~ under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 4, paragraph (c) ~~(a)~~; and

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 9 to 21, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 22. **Sufficient cause to believe.** “Sufficient cause to believe” means grounds that are put forth in good faith; that are not arbitrary, irrational, unreasonable, or irrelevant; that make the proposition asserted more likely than not; and that are based on at least one of the following sources:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. facts or statements by an applicant individual applying for appointment as an agent; or by an appointed agent;

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

Subp. 23. **Underserved.** “Underserved” means having inequitable access to an office such that a new agent or new office location is needed to:

A. meet an emerging or demonstrated need for an application site;

B. address an emerging or demonstrated population need; or

C. improve public access or service delivery.

7404.0300 LOCATION OF AGENT OFFICE; PROPOSED BY THIRD PARTY.

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

Subp. 4. **Municipalities with over 50,000 population.** The conditions listed in this subpart must be met before a proposed office location is considered by the commissioner in a municipality with a population exceeding 50,000, not including municipalities in a metropolitan county.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. A maximum of two ~~licensing agent~~ offices may exist in any municipality with a population exceeding 50,000.

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

[For text of subparts 5 and 6, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Proposed office location under competitive bidding process.**

A. This subpart applies only when:

(1) the commissioner is appointing a replacement agent under part 7404.0380; and

(2) the existing office is unavailable.

B. A proposed office location under this subpart must:

(1) be in the same county and municipality as the existing office; and

(2) adhere to the distance requirements under subpart 3, item A; 4, item A; or 5, item A.

C. When a bidder is applying under part 7404.0380 for an existing office that is unavailable, the bidder must notify other agent offices within a 30-mile radius of the bidder’s proposed office location in writing. Within 14 days after being notified, an agent may submit to the commissioner written comments supporting or opposing the proposed office location.

D. For purposes of this subpart, “existing office” has the meaning given in part 7404.0380, subpart 3, item B.

7404.0305 **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED OFFICE LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Additional factors considered to consider.**

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A. Before appointing an agent, the commissioner must approve a proposed location for an agent office.

B. In addition to the information and conditions ~~specified in~~ under part 7404.0300, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must consider the factors ~~described~~ in this part when considering a proposed office location:

~~A. (1)~~ the accessibility of the office location to the public;

~~B. (2)~~ the cost to the state to audit, monitor, and train the agent and staff at the office; and

~~C. (3)~~ whether the office location will best serve the public convenience.

Subp. 2. ~~Disapproval of~~ **Denying proposed office location.**

A. ~~If the commissioner denies a request for an proposed office location is not approved under part 7404.0300, the commissioner shall must notify the individual proposing the office location in writing and provide a statement of the reason for the disapproval. The statement must notify the individual that, within 30 days from the day the notice was mailed, the individual may appeal the disapproval to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, if a factor in subpart 1 was cited for disapproval and disapproval was not due to a failure to meet the distance or transaction requirements for office location. explaining:~~

~~(1) why the proposed office location was denied;~~

~~(2) any action required to correct the reason for denial; and~~

~~(3) that the individual may request that the commissioner reconsider the denial:~~

~~(a) within 15 days after the notice date;~~

~~(b) by explaining why the commissioner should approve the proposed office location; and~~

~~(c) by including in the response any documents or evidence supporting the reconsideration request.~~

B. Upon receiving a timely written response under item A, the commissioner must:

(1) review the response to determine whether to affirm the denial; and

(2) notify the individual of the commissioner's determination within 15 days after receiving the reconsideration request.

C. A commissioner determination under this subpart is final and not subject to a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

7404.0310 EXCEPTIONS.

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

Subp. 4. **Minimum distance exception.** Notwithstanding part 7404.0300, a new agent may be appointed at an office location ~~in existence as of January 1, 1999, which that~~ does not meet the minimum distance in part 7404.0300; if the number of applications accepted by the office ~~meet meets~~ or ~~exceed exceeds~~ the minimums ~~specified~~ in part 7404.0300 during each of the three years preceding the ~~date of application date~~ for a new agent appointment.

7404.0330 ~~MOVE OF~~ MOVING EXISTING OFFICE LOCATION.

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

Subp. 4. ~~Right to review commissioner's decision~~ **Reconsideration request.**

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A. An agent may contest the a variance denial of a variance of the commissioner by requesting a hearing, filing a written reconsideration request to the commissioner:

A. (1) The agent shall submit, within 15 days of the receipt of after the commissioner's dated decision, a request for a hearing.;

B. (2) The request for a hearing must set forth in detail the reasons that explains why the agent contends the decision of the commissioner should be changed: approve the variance; and

(3) that includes in the response any documents or evidence supporting the reconsideration request.

C. The hearing must follow the hearing procedures in parts 7406.1100 to 7406.2600.

B. Upon receiving a timely written response under item A, the commissioner must:

(1) review the response to determine whether to affirm the denial; and

(2) notify the agent in writing of the commissioner's determination within 15 days after receiving the reconsideration request.

C. A commissioner determination under this subpart is final and not subject to a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

7404.0340 DEPUTY REGISTRAR AS LIMITED LICENSING AGENT.

Subpart 1. **Deputy registrar as limited licensing agent.** Notwithstanding part 7404.0300, as of January 22, 2008, ~~all a new~~ deputy registrars registrar appointed by the commissioner under chapter 7406, including part 7406.0365, and Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33, must also be appointed by the commissioner to assume the duties of a limited licensing agent as specified in under this part.

[For text of subparts 2 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]

7404.0345 DEPUTY REGISTRAR AS LICENSING AGENT.

Notwithstanding part 7404.0300 ~~notwithstanding, as of January 22, 2008,~~ a new deputy registrar appointed under chapter 7406, including part 7406.0365, may apply to the commissioner for appointment ~~also as a licensing an agent~~ under this chapter.

A. The applicant deputy registrar must be an individual, and the office must meet the requirements specified in comply with this chapter.

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. Any A deputy registrar who is not a licensing an agent as of January 22, 2008, and who applies to be a licensing an agent must complete initial and ongoing licensing agent training.

[For text of item D, see Minnesota Rules]

7404.0360 COMMISSIONER'S APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.

Subpart 1. **In general.**

A. An agent appointment cannot be transferred to another individual without following the procedure in this part or part 7404.0350 or this part.

A. B. The commissioner shall must appoint an agent designated by a county board, as specified in according

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to part 7404.0350, if the individual ~~meets the criteria of~~ complies with subparts 3 to 6.

~~B. C.~~ If the county board does not designate an individual for appointment; or fails to provide timely notice to the commissioner under part 7404.0350, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must consider appointment of an agent at the approved office location ~~as specified in~~ according to this part.

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

Subp. 3. **Appointment application.** ~~The~~ An individual seeking appointment ~~shall, including an appointment under part 7404.0380, must~~ submit an appointment application to the commissioner in a paper; or electronic; ~~or other~~ format ~~as prescribed by the commissioner.~~ The application must specify:

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

C. whether the individual owns or is a partner, officer, or five-percent shareholder in an entity that:

(1) operates a driver training program or driver improvement clinic under chapter 7411; or

[For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]

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

K. ~~the~~ a notarized signature of the individual ~~verifying~~ attesting that the information on the application is true. ~~The signature must be notarized.~~

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

Subp. 7. **Reasons to deny agent appointment.** An agent appointment must be denied for any of the reasons listed in this subpart.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The individual applying is a partner, officer, or five-percent or greater shareholder in an entity that:

(1) operates a driver training program; or driver improvement clinic under chapter 7411; or

[For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]

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

7404.0370 ~~APPOINTMENT OF~~ APPOINTING AGENT.

Subpart 1. **In general.**

A. An appointment, including an appointment under part 7404.0380, must be based on:

(1) information ~~contained~~ in the appointment application;

(2) if replacing an agent under part 7404.0380, the information in the bid and the commissioner's review under part 7404.0380, subparts 4 and 6, respectively;

(3) an interview;

(4) an inspection of the office or review of a floor plan for compliance with part 7404.0400; and

(5) any other relevant information or documentation requested by the commissioner if needed to make an appointment in accordance with this chapter and Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061.

~~A. B.~~ The An individual being appointed as an agent must:

(1) possess, and ensure that all employees of the agent who have contact with the public possess, communication and customer service skills;

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B. ~~(2) The individual must~~ possess or demonstrate knowledge or experience in the laws ~~and rules~~ pertinent to the acceptance of on accepting applications, office management, accounting, and record keeping; and

C. ~~(3) The individual must~~ indicate a willingness to ~~successfully~~ complete initial and annual training provided by the commissioner ~~as specified in under~~ part 7404.0500, subpart 1a.

C. Subparts 2 and 3 apply to an appointment under part 7404.0380.

Subp. 2. **Certificate of appointment.** Subject to subpart 1, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must sign and execute ~~and sign~~ a certificate of appointment that specifies the individual appointed as an agent, the approved office location, and the responsibility of the agent to accept applications.

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

C. The commissioner ~~shall cancel a~~ must discontinue an agent's certificate of appointment if the ~~appointed~~ agent fails to provide an operational office ~~that meets the requirements of under~~ this chapter within 12 months ~~of the date of after~~ the initial appointment ~~by the commissioner date~~.

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Change in agent designated by county or municipality.** Except as provided under part 7404.0500, subpart 4a, an agent designated by a county board ~~shall~~ must notify the county board and commissioner; in writing, ~~no less than at least~~ 30 days before the agent resigns, retires, or discontinues service. If the agent's office is vacated upon the agent's death or discontinuance ~~of the agent,~~ an official authorized by the county board or municipality must notify the commissioner in writing within ten days ~~of after~~ the vacancy occurs.

Subp. 5. ~~Transfer of Transferring~~ **appointment.** An agent appointment may ~~not~~ be transferred to another individual or office ~~without the approval of the commissioner~~ only according to part 7404.0350 or 7404.0360.

7404.0380 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR REPLACING AN AGENT AND CLOSING AN OFFICE.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** Notwithstanding any other rule, this part applies in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 5a, only when an agent has permanently stopped accepting and processing applications at an office and has permanently closed the office. This part does not apply to state-operated application or examination sites.

Subp. 2. **Notifying public of office closure.** Within 60 days after being notified under part 7404.0500, subpart 4a, the commissioner must publish notice of the agent vacancy for the existing office in a qualified newspaper in the county where the approved office location is located.

Subp. 3. **Notice of vacancy.**

A. The notice of vacancy must:

(1) state that there is a vacancy and that bidders may apply to become a replacement agent at the existing office that is vacant;

(2) detail one of the following:

(a) if the existing office will be available for a bidder to continue to accept and process applications at the existing office in accordance with this chapter:

i. describe the existing office's location; and

ii. state that the bidder must continue to accept and process applications at the existing office; or

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(b) if the existing office will be unavailable, state that a bidder must provide a proposed office location according to part 7404.0300, subpart 7, item B;

(3) state the commissioner's intent to appoint an agent according to subpart 6;

(4) state the bidder's responsibility to process and accept applications in accordance with this chapter;

(5) list the requirements under subpart 4;

(6) list the commissioner's authority under statute and rule to make the appointment, including a statement that the commissioner must not give preference to:

(a) any county or municipality; and

(b) bidders according to Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 5a, paragraph (b); and

(7) state that a bidder must apply within 14 days after the notice is published.

B. For purposes of this subpart and subpart 4 and notwithstanding part 7404.0100, subpart 14, "existing office" means the office location of the agent closing an office under part 7404.0500, subpart 4a.

Subp. 4. Bid requirements.

A. Part 7404.0360, subparts 4 and 6, relating to an application, apply to the extent consistent with this part.

B. A bidder must submit a written plan that describes the following:

(1) if the existing office is available:

(a) how continuing to accept and process applications at the existing office will affect other offices located in the same county or municipality; and

(b) the public benefits of continuing to accept and process applications at the existing office;

(2) if the existing office is unavailable:

(a) the proposed office location in accordance with part 7404.0300, subpart 7, item B;

(b) the distance of the proposed office location from the existing office and how the proposed office location serves the same community or neighborhood;

(c) the accessibility of the proposed office location to the public and how the proposed office location will best serve the public convenience;

(d) the information under part 7404.0330, subpart 2, item B, subitems (4), (7), and (8); and

(e) the bidder's plans to notify other agent offices of the bidder's proposed office location according to part 7404.0300, subpart 7, item C;

(3) a service plan that details:

(a) the bidder's ability to accept and process applications at the existing office or proposed office location;

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(b) the bidder's proposed days and hours of operation in compliance with part 7404.0500, subpart 2; and

(c) the existing office's or proposed office location's accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and state accessibility law;

(4) the number of anticipated staff and a staff training plan for compliance with part 7404.0500, subpart 1a, item B;

(5) the bidder's commitment to underserved populations, including:

(a) any plan to notify underserved populations in the county or municipality of the office and the office's services related to accepting and processing applications;

(b) any planned partnerships with counties, municipalities, or other persons to help notify underserved populations under unit (a); and

(c) a plan explaining how applications will be equitably accepted and processed; and

(6) any other information requested by the commissioner if needed to determine compliance with this part or Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061.

Subp. 5. **Commissioner denial.** Part 7404.0360, subpart 7, applies to the extent consistent with this part.

Subp. 6. **Reviewing bids and appointing replacement agent.**

A. Within 60 days after timely receiving all completed bids, the commissioner must review the bids for compliance with subpart 4 to determine which bid will best serve the public convenience.

B. An individual who receives the highest score must pass a criminal history check under part 7404.0360, subpart 3, item J. If the highest-scoring individual fails the criminal history check, the commissioner must appoint the next highest-scoring individual according to part 7404.0370, subject to passing the criminal history check.

C. The commissioner must continue to appoint the next highest-scoring individual to fill the vacancy, subject to passing the criminal history check under item B, until the appointment is filled.

D. The commissioner must not appoint an individual proposing a new office location unless the location complies with part 7404.0300, subpart 7, item B.

Subp. 7. **No qualified bids; appointment reverts to commissioner.** An appointment of a closed office under this part and all state-provided inventory and equipment revert to the commissioner if the commissioner does not receive any bids for the office or any bids that comply with this part.

Subp. 8. **Applicability of other rule parts.** Unless otherwise specified:

A. parts 7404.0300 to 7404.0370 do not apply to an agent being appointed under this part; and

B. parts 7404.0400 to 7404.0900 apply to an agent appointed under this part.

7404.0400 AGENT OFFICE REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **In general Applicability.**

A. An approved office location must comply with this part.

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~~A. B.~~ For This part applies to an existing office when:

(1) there is a discontinuance of the an agent appointment or an agent's death, resignation, or retirement of an agent, and for which a new appointment is requested, the requirements of this part apply; or

(2) a replacement agent is appointed under part 7404.0380.

~~B. C.~~ An existing agent must have an office that complies with this part.

Subp. 2. **Variance; size of office area.** An existing agent may apply to the commissioner for a variance from compliance with subpart 5; if compliance constitutes a substantial hardship.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The variance ~~must expire~~ expires upon the an agent's discontinuance, death, retirement, or resignation of the agent; an office closure under part 7404.0500, subpart 4a; or a period specified within the variance, whichever period is less occurs first.

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Inventory and equipment.** Inventory and equipment must be maintained in a secure manner during and after business hours.

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

E. If equipment or inventory is provided or maintained by the commissioner at an existing office ~~under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 4, paragraph (b); and the agent dies, retires, or discontinues service or closes the office according to part 7404.0500, subpart 4a, the equipment and inventory must revert to the commissioner unless an agent is appointed to the existing office by the commissioner under parts 7404.0350 and 7404.0360. All offices operated by a county licensing bureau, county, or municipality, with the commissioner's written permission, may retain the equipment and remain in operation during the appointment process.~~

[For text of items F to I, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Accessibility.** ~~The An~~ office must be accessible to the disabled comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and state accessibility law.

[For text of subparts 7 and 8, see Minnesota Rules]

7404.0450 REPORTING AND DEPOSITING PRACTICES.

Subpart 1. **Reporting Electronically submitting applications; and fees into driver and vehicle services information system.**

~~A. A report of the~~ By the end of each working day, an agent must electronically enter all applications collected and all application and reinstatement fees due and owed the state must be transmitted by the agent to the commissioner each day the agent's office is open to the public, before the end of the next working day, in an electronic format or other means approved by the commissioner. as follows:

~~A.~~ (1) The report must for each application:

(1) (a) indicate the applicant's full name and date of birth; or the applicant's Minnesota driver's license, permit, or state identification card number;

(2) (b) specify the type of application;

(3) (c) list the application and reinstatement fees collected; and

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(4) (d) include the completed ~~applications~~; application;

B. ~~(2) The report must contain~~ include a financial statement listing the total amount of application and reinstatement fees collected and deposited under subparts 2 and 2a. ~~The financial statement must provide the office location identification number, report number, report date, and total amount of the deposit for that report.; and~~

(3) include the agent's credit card and debit card transactions for application and reinstatement fees.

C. ~~The report must be transmitted or delivered to the commissioner, before the end of the next working day following the collection of any applications or fees, by electronic transfer or other alternative means approved by the commissioner.~~

D. ~~All applications and fees collected in an agent's office must be included on the report for the day the applications and fees were collected in the office.~~

E. ~~A minimum of one summary report must be completed for all applications and fees collected during each working day.~~

F. ~~More than one report may be submitted for a working day with prior approval from the commissioner.~~

G. ~~If an agent's office does not collect any applications or fees on a working day the office is scheduled to be open, a report must still be filed with the commissioner indicating that no applications or fees were collected that day.~~

H. B. Supporting documents for applications listed on the report must be delivered electronically by the end of each working day or within five working days by other means approved by the commissioner such as:

(1) United States mail;

(2) a package delivery service;

(3) ~~electronic transfer~~;

(4) (3) hand delivery; or

(5) (4) another method approved by the commissioner.

I. ~~An agent must file with the commissioner reports of the agent's credit card and debit card transactions for application and reinstatement fees.~~

C. For purposes of this chapter, "application and reinstatement fees" includes fees for all other transactions under this chapter.

Subp. 1a. **Processing Maintaining credit card and debit card transactions receipts.**

A. ~~At the daily close of office records on each working day, the agent shall settle the batch containing all credit card and debit card transactions conducted that day according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner.~~

B. ~~The An agent shall store~~ must maintain all signed merchant copies of the credit card and debit card receipts for the transaction amount and the convenience fee ~~at the agent's office location and shall maintain all signed merchant copies of the credit card and debit card receipts for the transaction amount and the convenience fee according to subpart 3.~~

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 2. **Depositing application fees.** ~~Before~~ By the end of each working day, ~~each an agent shall~~ must deposit an amount equal to the total of all application and reinstatement fees collected the previous working day, excluding the filing fees collected under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.061, subdivision 4.

A. ~~The An agent shall~~ must make all deposits according to ~~the requirements in~~ subpart 2a.

B. ~~The amount listed for A~~ deposit must:

(1) include the total of all application and reinstatement fees collected ~~must~~;

(2) cover any shortages or include any overages for any applications processed and stamped as paid; ~~including; and~~

(3) include any unsettled credit card and debit card transactions.

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

F. If an agent is unable to make a deposit under this subpart or the deposit does not match the amount owed, the agent must:

(1) immediately notify the commissioner in writing but no later than by the end of the next working day; and

(2) explain why the agent was unable to make a deposit or why the deposit does not match the amount owed.

Subp. 2a. **Reporting deposits to commissioner.** ~~On the date the deposit of fees is due, the agent shall ensure that a financial statement of the deposits made is reported to the commissioner according to the procedures and in a format as specified in this part.~~

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

D. Any funds collected on a working day ~~in excess of more than~~ the total fees listed ~~on the report described in~~ subpart 1, minus filing fees and imprest cash, must be deposited as application or reinstatement fees.

[For text of subpart 2b, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2c. Reporting and responding to discrepancies in deposits.

A. An agent must immediately notify the commissioner in writing but no later than by the end of the next working day if the agent believes that a discrepancy in a deposit, or that the information entered under subpart 1, is false, misleading, or fraudulent or otherwise constitutes an intentional misrepresentation.

B. Whether or not the commissioner is notified under item A, the commissioner must notify an agent in writing if the commissioner has sufficient cause to believe that there is a discrepancy with the agent's deposit. Upon notification, the agent must:

(1) respond to the commissioner in writing by the end of the next working day; and

(2) take any commissioner-required action that is needed to correct the discrepancy and ensure compliance with this chapter.

Subp. 3. **Maintaining records.** ~~At the agent's office, the An agent shall keep~~ must maintain at the agent's office complete records for deposits made to approved state depositories and the ~~daily reports prepared~~ documentation for information entered under subpart 1.

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

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

Subp. 4a. **Late payment charge; calculation.** For each subsequent violation of subpart 2 or 2a, the

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commissioner ~~shall~~ must impose a late payment charge of \$30 or an amount computed by the following formula, whichever is greater.

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

C. In determining the number of calendar days that a deposit ~~or report~~ is late, weekends and holidays ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ included only if the deposit is ~~determined by the commissioner to be~~ already at least two calendar days late.

D. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must continue to impose ~~monthly~~ late payment charges until the agent no longer is in violation of this part.

[For text of subparts 5 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

7404.0500 GENERAL OPERATING PRACTICES.

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

Subp. 2. **Days and hours of operation.** An agent's office must be open to the public at least 40 hours each business week unless the commissioner grants a variance under subpart 3. For purposes of this part, "business week" means Monday through Friday and includes a work week under subpart 4.

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

Subp. 3. **Office closure of office; variance procedure.** ~~An office must be open for at least 40 hours each week unless the commissioner grants a variance to allow an office to be closed for a specified period of time.~~

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

G. This subpart does not apply to an office that permanently closes under subpart 4a.

[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4a. **Permanent closure.**

A. An agent must notify the commissioner in writing at least 30 days before the agent plans to permanently stop offering services at an office and to close the office. The agent must provide the following information in the notice:

(1) if the office is administered by a county or municipality, a copy of the governing body's meeting minutes or resolution or other legal evidence of the governing body approving the agent's plan to permanently close; and

(2) if the office is administered by a corporation under chapter 7406, a statement of the agent's intent to permanently close without finding a replacement agent.

B. Upon being notified and receiving the information under this subpart, the commissioner must publish a notice of vacancy in accordance with part 7404.0380.

[For text of subparts 5 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]

7404.0800 ACTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LAWS ~~OR RULES~~.

Subpart 1. **Cause for discontinuance.** The failure of an agent or ~~an agent's employee of an agent~~ to comply with applicable laws ~~or rules governing the appointment of~~ on appointing an agent and ~~the operation of~~ operating an office is cause for discontinuance of the agent appointment using the grounds specified for a deputy registrar under parts 7406.0900 to 7406.1000 ~~and following the procedures specified in parts 7406.1100 to 7406.2600.~~

Subp. 2. **Correction order.** The commissioner may issue a correction order ~~according to the procedures in~~ accordance with subpart 3 and part 7406.1000, subpart 3.

Subp. 3. **Grounds for discontinuance or correction order.** The grounds for discontinuance of an agent appointment or issuance of a correction order ~~as specified in~~ under part 7406.1000 also include:

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

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7406.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 9b, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 10. **Corporation.** “Corporation” means a corporation governed by under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 302A or 317A.

[For text of subparts 11 to 25, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 26. **Underserved.** “Underserved” means having inequitable access to an office such that a new deputy registrar or new office location is needed to:

- A. meet an emerging or demonstrated need for an office;
- B. address an emerging or demonstrated population need; or
- C. improve public access or service delivery.

7406.0300 **PROPOSING OFFICE LOCATION FOR DEPUTY REGISTRAR** ~~OFFICE LOCATION.~~

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

Subp. 2. **Other areas.** In all other municipalities not included in subpart 1 or 1a, the conditions ~~listed~~ in items A to E must be met before a proposed office location is considered.

A. The proposed office location must not be located within a ~~15-mile~~ 25-mile radius of an existing office, except that:

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

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

Subp. 3. **Proposed office location under competitive bidding process.**

A. This subpart applies only when:

- (1) the commissioner is appointing a replacement deputy registrar under part 7406.0365; and
- (2) the existing office is unavailable.

B. A proposed office location under this subpart must:

- (1) be in the same county and municipality as the existing office; and
- (2) adhere to the distance requirements under subpart 1, item A; 1a, item A; or 2, item A.

C. When an applicant is applying under part 7406.0365 for an existing office that is unavailable, the applicant must notify other deputy registrar offices within a 30-mile radius of the applicant’s proposed office location in writing. Within 14 days after being notified, a deputy registrar may submit to the commissioner any written comments supporting or opposing the proposed office location.

D. For purposes of this subpart, “existing office” has the meaning given in part 7406.0365, subpart 3, item B.

7406.0310 OFFICE LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Factors considered.**

A. Before appointing a deputy registrar, the commissioner must approve a proposed location for a deputy registrar

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office.

B. In addition to the information and conditions ~~specified in under~~ part 7406.0300, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must consider the following factors ~~described in this part~~ when ~~considering~~ evaluating a proposed office location:

- ~~A.~~ (1) the accessibility of the office location to the public;
- ~~B.~~ (2) the cost to the state to audit, monitor, and train the deputy registrar and staff at the office; and
- ~~C.~~ (3) whether the office location will best serve the public convenience.

Subp. 2. ~~Disapproval of~~ Denying proposed office location.

A. ~~If a request for an~~ the commissioner ~~denies~~ a proposed office location ~~is not approved under~~ part 7406.0300, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must notify the individual proposing the office location in writing ~~and provide a statement of the reason for the disapproval. The statement must notify the individual that, within 30 days from the day the notice was mailed, the individual may appeal the disapproval to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, if a factor in subpart 1 was cited for disapproval and disapproval was not due to a failure to meet the distance or transaction requirements for office location.~~ explaining:

- (1) why the proposed office location was denied;
- (2) any action required to correct the reason for denial; and
- (3) that the individual may request the commissioner to reconsider the denial:
 - (a) within 15 days after the notice date;
 - (b) by explaining why the commissioner should approve the proposed office location; and
 - (c) by including in the response any documents or evidence supporting the reconsideration request.

B. Upon receiving a timely written response under item A, the commissioner must:

- (1) review the response to determine whether to affirm the denial; and
- (2) notify the individual of the commissioner's determination within 15 days after receiving the reconsideration request.

C. A commissioner determination under this subpart is final and not subject to a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

7406.0330 ~~MOVE OF~~ MOVING EXISTING OFFICE LOCATION.

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

Subp. 4. ~~Right to review of commissioner's decision~~ Reconsideration request.

A. A deputy registrar may contest the ~~denial of a variance of the commissioner denial~~ by ~~requesting a hearing.~~ The deputy registrar shall submit, filing a written reconsideration request to the commissioner:

- (1) within 15 days of the receipt of after the commissioner's dated decision, a request for a hearing. The request for a hearing must set forth in detail the reasons;

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(2) that explains why the deputy registrar contends the decision of the commissioner should be reversed. The hearing must follow the hearing procedures in parts 7406.1100 to 7406.2500; approve the variance; and

(3) that includes in the response any documents or evidence supporting the reconsideration request.

B. Upon receiving a timely written response under item A, the commissioner must:

(1) review the response to determine whether to affirm the denial; and

(2) notify the deputy registrar in writing of the commissioner's determination within 15 days after receiving the reconsideration request.

C. A commissioner determination under this subpart is final and not subject to a contested case hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

7406.0350 COUNTY OFFICIAL AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR;~~PROCEDURE.~~

[For text of subparts 1 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Change in county auditor appointment.** Except as provided under part 7406.0500, subpart 2c, a county auditor appointed as a deputy registrar shall must notify the commissioner; in writing; within ten days of after vacating the county auditor office. If the county auditor position is vacated upon the death of a county auditor, a county official authorized by the county board must notify the commissioner in writing within ten days of that after the vacancy occurs.

[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7406.0355 CITY OFFICIAL AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR.

Subpart 1. **In general.** If the a county board declines to designate a deputy registrar for appointment to administer the approved office location under part ~~7405.0350~~ 7406.0350, subpart 2, or the a county auditor fails to provide timely notice to the commissioner under part 7406.0350, subpart 3, the commissioner shall must extend the next consideration for appointment of a deputy registrar at an approved office location to the city where the approved office location is located.

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

7406.0360 DEPUTY REGISTRAR APPOINTMENT BY COMMISSIONER.

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

Subp. 4. **Application for appointment.** An application for a deputy registrar appointment, including an appointment under part 7406.0365, must be submitted to the commissioner on a form provided or approved by the commissioner and must contain the following information:

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

K. the a notarized signature of each person named on the application, verifying attesting that the information on the application is true. The signatures must be notarized.

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

7406.0365 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR REPLACING DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND CLOSING AN OFFICE.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** Notwithstanding any other rule, this part applies in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33, subdivision 8b, only when a deputy registrar has permanently stopped offering services at an office and has permanently closed the office.

Subp. 2. **Notifying public of office closure.** Within 60 days after being notified under part 7406.0500, subpart 2c, the commissioner must publish notice of the deputy registrar vacancy for the existing office in a qualified newspaper in the county where the approved office location is located.

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Subp. 3. Notice of vacancy.

A. The notice of vacancy must:

(1) state that there is a vacancy and that applicants may apply to become a replacement deputy registrar at the existing office that is vacant;

(2) detail one of the following:

(a) if the existing office will be available for an applicant to continue to provide services at the existing office in accordance with this chapter:

i. describe the existing office's location; and

ii. state that the applicant must continue to offer services at the existing office; or

(b) if the existing office will be unavailable, state that an applicant must provide a proposed office location according to part 7406.0300, subpart 3, item B;

(3) state the commissioner's intent to appoint a deputy registrar according to subpart 6;

(4) state the applicant's responsibility to offer services in accordance with this chapter;

(5) list the requirements under subpart 4;

(6) list the commissioner's authority under statute and rule to make the appointment, including a statement that the commissioner must not give preference to:

(a) any county or municipality; and

(b) applicants according to Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33, subdivision 8b, paragraph (b); and

(7) state that an applicant must apply within 14 days after the notice is published.

B. For purposes of this subpart and subpart 4 and notwithstanding part 7406.0100, subpart 15, "existing office" means the office location of the deputy registrar closing an office under part 7406.0500, subpart 2c.

Subp. 4. Application requirements.

A. Part 7406.0360, subparts 4 and 6, relating to an application, applies to the extent consistent with this part.

B. An applicant must submit a written plan that describes the following:

(1) if the existing office is available:

(a) how continuing to offer services at the existing office will affect other offices located in the same county or municipality; and

(b) the public benefits of continuing to offer services at the existing office;

(2) if the existing office is unavailable:

(a) the proposed office location in accordance with part 7406.0300, subpart 3, item B;

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(b) the distance of the proposed office location from the existing office and how the proposed office location serves the same community or neighborhood;

(c) the accessibility of the proposed office location to the public and how the proposed office location will best serve the public convenience;

(d) the information under part 7406.0330, subpart 2, items D, G, and H; and

(e) the applicant's plans to notify other deputy registrar offices of the applicant's proposed office location according to part 7406.0300, subpart 3, item C;

(3) a service plan that details:

(a) the applicant's ability to offer services at the existing office or proposed office location;

(b) the applicant's proposed days and hours of operation in compliance with part 7406.0500, subpart 2; and

(c) the existing office's or proposed office location's accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and state accessibility law;

(4) the number of anticipated staff;

(5) the applicant's commitment to underserved populations, including:

(a) any plan to notify underserved populations in the county or municipality of the office and the office's services;

(b) any planned partnerships with counties, municipalities, or other persons to help notify underserved populations under unit (a); and

(c) a plan explaining how applications will be equitably accepted and processed; and

(6) any other information requested by the commissioner if needed to determine compliance with this part or Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33.

Subp. 5. Commissioner denial. Part 7406.0360, subpart 7, applies to the extent consistent with this part.

Subp. 6. Reviewing applications and appointing replacement deputy registrar.

A. Within 60 days after timely receiving all completed applications, the commissioner must review the applications for compliance with subpart 4 to determine which application will best serve the public convenience.

B. An applicant who receives the highest score must pass a criminal history check under part 7406.0360, subpart 4, item J. If the highest-scoring applicant fails the criminal history check, the commissioner must appoint the next highest-scoring applicant according to part 7406.0370, subject to passing the criminal history check.

C. The commissioner must continue to appoint the next highest-scoring applicant to fill the vacancy, subject to passing the criminal history check under item B, until the appointment is filled.

D. The commissioner must not appoint an applicant proposing a new office location as a deputy registrar unless the location complies with part 7406.0300, subpart 3, item B.

Subp. 7. No qualified applications; appointment reverts to commissioner. An appointment of a closed office under

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this part and all state-provided inventory or property revert to the commissioner if the commissioner does not receive any applications for the office or any applications that comply with this part.

Subp. 8. **Applicability of other rule parts.** Unless otherwise specified:

A. parts 7406.0300 to 7406.0360 do not apply to a deputy registrar being appointed under this part; and

B. parts 7406.0370 to 7406.1000 apply to a deputy registrar appointed under this part.

7406.0370 CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT ~~OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR.~~

Subpart 1. **In general.** An appointment must be based ~~upon~~ on:

A. information contained in the application, interviews,;

B. if replacing a deputy registrar under part 7406.0365, the information in the application and the commissioner's review under part 7406.0365, subparts 4 and 6, respectively;

C. an interview;

D. an inspection of the proposed office location for compliance with this chapter,; and

E. any other relevant information or documentation requested by the commissioner if needed to make an appointment in accordance with this chapter and Minnesota Statutes, section 168.33.

Subp. 2. **Certificate of appointment.** ~~In connection with the appointment as a deputy registrar, Subject to subpart 1, the commissioner must sign and execute a certificate of appointment with the individual, public official, or corporate officer shall execute a certificate of appointment with the commissioner appointed as a deputy registrar.~~

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

D. The commissioner ~~shall withdraw~~ must discontinue an offer of appointment if the ~~appointed~~ deputy registrar fails to provide an operational office ~~that meets the requirements of under~~ this chapter within 12 months ~~of after the date of initial appointment by the commissioner date.~~

Subp. 3. **County appointment of private party.**

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. Except as provided in part 7406.0365, the appointment of a deputy registrar reverts to the commissioner if a:

(1) the deputy registrar appointed by a county auditor dies or discontinues service,; or if

(2) the county auditor or board discontinues the appointment, the appointment of the deputy registrar reverts to the commissioner.

7406.0380 BOND.

If a deputy registrar appointed under this chapter is not an official or clerk of a county or city, the deputy registrar must provide a continuous surety bond to the state to cover the motor vehicle taxes and fees collected on behalf of the commissioner.

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

C. If the deputy registrar is ~~also~~ an agent for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the deputy registrar's bond with the commissioner must specify that it only covers motor vehicle transactions under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 168, 168A, ~~168C~~, and 297B.

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D. Beginning July 1, 2004, The bond for all motor vehicle transactions of the Department of Public Safety:

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

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

7406.0400 ~~DEPUTY REGISTRAR~~ OFFICE REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **In general.** Any proposed, approved, or existing office location must comply with subparts 2 to 7. Existing offices that are not in compliance with subparts 4 and 7 on July 1, 1996, may be granted a variance by the commissioner under subpart 1a this part.

Subp. 1a. **Variance.** An existing deputy registrar may apply to the commissioner for a variance from complying with subparts 4 and 7 if compliance would be a substantial hardship for the deputy registrar. A deputy registrar may apply for a variance by submitting a written request, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, to the commissioner within six months of July 1, 1996. The commissioner shall consider the following factors when reviewing the deputy registrar's request for a variance:

A. the subpart from which the variance is requested and why the office does not meet the requirements of the subpart;

B. the options available to the deputy registrar to bring the office into compliance with the subparts;

C. the financial cost for meeting the options listed in item B, estimated with reasonable efforts; and

D. other information requested by the commissioner or supplied by the deputy registrar.

A variance granted under this subpart before February 1, 1997, expires as follows:

A. for a corporate deputy registrar:

(1) upon the death or retirement of an individual appointed as a deputy registrar, the sale or dissolution of a the corporate deputy registrar, or the revocation or resignation of any the deputy registrar appointment; or

(2) if the deputy registrar office moves; any variances granted with respect to the office space requirements of subparts 4 and 7 expire; and

B. The commissioner's decision and the right to review of the commissioner's decision must follow the procedures in part 7406.0330, subparts 3 and 4. for an individual appointed as a deputy registrar, if the deputy registrar office moves.

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

Subp. 5. **Accessibility.** The An office must be accessible to the disabled in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and state accessibility law.

[For text of subparts 6 and 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7406.0450 REPORTING AND DEPOSITING PRACTICES.

Subpart 1. [See repealer.]

Subp. 1a. **Processing Maintaining credit card and debit card transactions receipts.**

A. At the daily close of office records on each working day, the deputy registrar shall settle the batch containing all credit card and debit card transactions conducted that day according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner.

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B. The A deputy registrar ~~shall store~~ must maintain all signed merchant copies of the credit card and debit card receipts for the transaction amount and the convenience fee at the office location and ~~shall maintain all signed merchant copies of the credit card and debit card receipts~~ according to subpart 4.

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Reporting Electronically submitting registrations, fees, and taxes into driver and vehicle services information system.**

A. ~~A report of the~~ By the end of each working day, a deputy registrar must electronically enter all motor vehicle fees and taxes collected and the motor vehicle transactions collected for the department ~~each working day must be transmitted by the deputy registrar to the commissioner according to the procedures specified in this part and in an electronic format or other alternative means prescribed or approved by the commissioner. The report must include as follows:~~

A. (1) list the names of the parties of the collected transactions, excluding the names of parties applying solely for renewal;

B. (2) list the type of transaction;

C. (3) list the ~~listing of~~ motor vehicle fees and taxes collected for the department on that day;

D. (4) include the completed motor vehicle documents and required information for the transactions ~~as specified by the commissioner; and~~

E. (5) include a financial statement listing the total amount of motor vehicle fees and taxes collected, deposited, and reported under subparts 3 and 3a; and

~~(1) The financial statement must provide the office location identification number, report number, report date, and the total amount of the deposit for that report.~~

~~(2) All transactions, motor vehicle fees, and taxes collected in an office must be included on the report for the day the transaction, motor vehicle fees, and taxes were collected in the office.~~

~~(3) A minimum of one report must be completed for all transactions, motor vehicle fees, and taxes collected during each working day.~~

~~(4) More than one report may be submitted for a working day with prior approval from the commissioner.~~

~~(5) If an office does not collect any transactions, motor vehicle fees, or taxes on a working day the office is scheduled to be open, a report must still be filed with the commissioner indicating that no transactions, motor vehicle fees, or taxes were collected for that day.~~

~~(6) The report must be transmitted or delivered to the commissioner before the end of the next working day following the receipt of the documents, motor vehicle fees, and taxes by electronic transfer or other alternative means approved by the commissioner.~~

(6) include the deputy registrar's credit card transactions for motor vehicle fees and taxes.

B. (7) Supporting documents for transactions listed on the report must be delivered either electronically by the end of each working day or within five working days by:

(1) United States mail, by;

(2) a package delivery service, by;

(3) hand delivery; or ~~by~~

(4) other means approved by the commissioner.

(8) ~~A deputy registrar must file with the commissioner, on a form and in a manner as the commissioner may require, reports of the deputy registrar's credit card transactions for motor vehicle fees and taxes.~~

Subp. 2a. **Processing and reporting incomplete motor vehicle transactions.** The processing and reporting requirements specified in this subpart must be met if an incomplete transaction is received by a deputy registrar.

A. ~~The~~ An incomplete transaction must not be ~~listed on the daily report for the office~~ entered until all motor vehicle fees and taxes are collected for the transaction.

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. State fees and taxes must not be deposited or ~~reported~~ entered before the time of collection for the transaction.

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

Subp. 3. **Depositing motor vehicle fees and taxes.**

A. ~~Before~~ By the end of each working day, ~~each~~ a deputy registrar ~~shall~~ must deposit an amount equal to the total of all motor vehicle fees and taxes collected the previous working day according to ~~the requirements in subpart 3a.~~ The amount listed for the total of all motor vehicle fees and taxes collected must cover any shortages or include any overages for any motor vehicle transactions collected and stamped as paid, including any unsettled credit card and debit card transactions.

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

E. If a deputy registrar is unable to make a deposit under this subpart or the deposit does not match the amount owed, the deputy registrar must:

(1) immediately notify the commissioner in writing but no later than by the end of the next working day; and

(2) explain why the deputy registrar is unable to make a deposit or why the deposit does not match the amount owed.

Subp. 3a. **Reporting deposits to commissioner.** On the date that the deposit of motor vehicle fees and taxes are due, the deputy registrar ~~shall~~ must ensure that a financial statement of the deposits made ~~are reported to the commissioner according to the procedures and in a format specified in this part~~ is entered according to subpart 2.

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

D. Any funds collected on a working day ~~in excess of~~ more than the total motor vehicle taxes and fees listed ~~on the report described in subpart 2,~~ minus filing fees and imprest cash, must be deposited as motor vehicle registration tax.

[For text of subpart 3b, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3c. **Reporting and responding to discrepancies in deposits.**

A. A deputy registrar must immediately notify the commissioner in writing but no later than by the end of the next working day if the deputy registrar believes that a discrepancy in a deposit, or that the information entered under subpart 2, is false, misleading, or fraudulent or otherwise constitutes an intentional misrepresentation.

B. Whether or not the commissioner is notified under item A, the commissioner must notify a deputy registrar in writing if the commissioner has sufficient cause to believe that there is a discrepancy with the deputy registrar's deposit. Upon notification, the deputy registrar must:

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(1) respond to the commissioner in writing by the end of the next working day; and

(2) take any commissioner-required action that is needed to correct the discrepancy and ensure compliance with this chapter.

Subp. 4. **Maintaining records.** ~~At the deputy registrar's office, the A~~ deputy registrar must keep maintain at the deputy registrar's office complete records for deposits made to approved state depositories and the ~~daily reports~~ prepared documentation for information entered under subpart 2 for motor vehicle registrations and motor vehicle fees and taxes collected.

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

[For text of subparts 4a and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5a. **Late payment charge; calculation.** For each subsequent violation of subpart 3 or 3a after a warning notice has been issued, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must impose a late payment charge of \$30 or an amount computed by the following formula, whichever is greater.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. Calendar days late x delinquent amount x daily rate = Late payment charge where:

(1) calendar days late = actual number of calendar days each deposit ~~or report~~ is delinquent;

(2) delinquent amount = actual amount each deposit ~~or report~~ is delinquent; and

[For text of subitem (3), see Minnesota Rules]

C. In determining the number of calendar days that a deposit ~~or report~~ is late, weekends and holidays ~~must be~~ are included only if the deposit ~~or report~~ is determined to be already at least two calendar days late.

[For text of item D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 6 to 9, see Minnesota Rules]

7406.0500 GENERAL OPERATING RULES FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS PRACTICES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Days and hours of operation.**

A. A deputy registrar ~~offices~~ office must be open for business at least 40 hours during each business week unless the commissioner grants a variance under subpart 2a. However, Legal holidays listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 5, and holidays authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 373.052, subdivision 1, for county offices are included in the 40-hour calculation. For purposes of this part, "business week" means Monday through Friday and includes a work week under subpart 2b.

B. Each deputy registrar ~~shall~~ must provide the commissioner with an accurate written schedule of the hours the office is open for business. A written request for a change in office hours must be made to the commissioner at least ten days before the change in hours. The commissioner must approve changes in business hours before the hours become effective.

Subp. 2a. **Closure of Closing office; variance procedure.**

A. An office must be open for at least 40 hours each week unless the commissioner grants a variance to allow an office to be closed for a specified period of time. To request a variance for closure of an office for two days or more, the deputy registrar shall must submit a written request on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Under the variance procedure, The commissioner shall must consider the following factors before allowing an office to close:

A: (1) reason the closure is requested;

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B. (2) length of time the closure is requested;

C. (3) day of the month and time of the year that the closure is requested;

D. (4) number of transactions that an office processes ~~on an annual basis~~ annually and number of transactions that are processed at the requested time of closure, if known;

E. (5) ability to keep the office open with current, additional, or temporary staff; and

F. (6) number of variances granted that year.

B. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must review the information submitted with the variance request and grant or deny the variance within two business days after ~~receipt of~~ receiving the request.

C. If a variance is granted for closure of an office, the deputy registrar must provide notice to the public at the deputy registrar office of the dates and times of the office closure. If the office is to be closed for four days or less, the deputy registrar must post notice in a conspicuous place inside and outside the office for up to two consecutive weeks before closure. If the office is to be closed for five or more days, the notice must be posted at the office and also published in a qualified newspaper or on a radio station in the county or city in which the office is located. The notice must be published at least two weeks before the closing for two consecutive weeks, or a shorter time as approved by the commissioner.

D. The notice of closure must contain the dates and times that the office will be closed and the location and address of the nearest office where alternative service can be obtained.

E. This subpart does not apply to an office that permanently closes under subpart 2c.
[For text of subpart 2b, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2c. Permanent closure.

A. A deputy registrar must notify the commissioner in writing at least 30 days before the deputy registrar plans to permanently stop offering services at an office and to close the office. The deputy registrar must provide the following information in the notice:

(1) if the office is administered by a county or municipality, a copy of the governing body's meeting minutes or resolution or other legal evidence of the governing body approving the deputy registrar's plan to permanently close; and

(2) if the office is administered by a corporation, a statement of the deputy registrar's intent to permanently close without finding a replacement deputy registrar.

B. Upon being notified and receiving the information under this subpart, the commissioner must publish a notice of vacancy in accordance with part 7406.0365.

[For text of subparts 3 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 9. **Mail order transaction.** A deputy registrar may mail out inventory to customers upon meeting the conditions in items A to E.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The deputy registrar ~~shall~~ must maintain a record of the inventory that was mailed and the name and address where the inventory was mailed. The record may be maintained ~~on the daily summary report~~ with the information entered under part 7406.0450, subpart 2, or ~~other~~ on another report maintained separately by the deputy registrar.

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

[For text of subparts 10 and 11, see Minnesota Rules]

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7406.1000 ~~DEPUTY APPOINTMENT~~ SUSPENSION; AND REVOCATION.

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

Subp. 4. **Suspension and revocation hearing.**

A. When the commissioner has grounds ~~for revocation or suspension~~ to revoke or suspend an appointment under this part, the commissioner ~~shall conduct a hearing before revoking or suspending a deputy registrar appointment under the procedures in parts 7406.1100 to 7406.2600.~~ must notify the deputy registrar that the commissioner intends to revoke or suspend the deputy registrar's appointment.

B. The notice must:

(1) be in writing;

(2) state why the commissioner intends to revoke or suspend the appointment; and

(3) inform the deputy registrar that the deputy registrar has 30 days after the dated notice to appeal the commissioner's action by filing a contested case with the Court of Administrative Hearings under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Effect of suspension.** When a deputy registrar appointment is suspended ~~under subpart 1,~~ the deputy registrar ~~shall~~ must surrender all fees and taxes. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must consider the factors in subpart 3 when determining ~~the a suspension's~~ length, terms, and conditions ~~of the suspension.~~

Subp. 7. ~~Issuance of~~ **Issuing correction order.** The commissioner may issue a correction order for a violation of statute, rule, or law rather than a suspension ~~under subpart 1,~~ after ~~consideration of~~ considering the factors in subpart 3.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. If the deputy registrar believes that the contents of the commissioner's correction order are in error, the deputy registrar may ask the commissioner to reconsider the parts of the correction order that are alleged to be in error. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and received by the commissioner within ten days ~~of after the date of~~ the dated correction order. The written request for reconsideration must:

[For text of subitems (1) to (3), see Minnesota Rules]

C. A request for reconsideration does not stay any provision or requirement of the correction order. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must respond to requests for reconsideration made under this subpart within 15 working days after ~~receipt of~~ receiving the request for reconsideration.

~~C.~~ D. A deputy registrar who fails to comply with a correction order ~~may be~~ is subject to suspension or revocation of appointment under this part.

TERM CHANGE. The term "licensing agent" is changed to "agent" wherever it appears in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 7406.0450, subpart 1; 7406.1100; 7406.1150; 7406.1200; 7406.1300; 7406.1400; 7406.1500; 7406.1600; 7406.1700; 7406.1800; 7406.1900; 7406.2000; 7406.2100; 7406.2200; 7406.2300; 7406.2400; 7406.2500; and 7406.2600, are repealed.

Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the State Register. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* Sections 14.14-14.28, or
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only. The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

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 Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Occupational Safety and Health Division

Proposed Exempt Permanent Rules Adopting Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards by Reference

In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of:

- "Hazard Communication Standard; Corrections"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Minnesota OSHA) proposes to adopt the following revisions to the Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Rules, as authorized under Minnesota Statutes § 182.655.

This notice proposes the adoption by reference of amendments to Occupational Safety and Health Standards already proposed and adopted by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Federal OSHA).

All interested or affected persons have 30 days from the date this notice is published in the *State Register* to submit, in writing, data and views on the proposed amendments to the rule. Comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments are encouraged. Each comment should identify the portion of the proposed amendment addressed, the reason for the comment, and any proposed change.

Any person may file with the Commissioner written objections to the proposed amendments stating the grounds for those objections and may request a public hearing. A public hearing will be held if 25 or more persons submit written requests for a public hearing on the proposed amendments within the 30-day comment period. Requests for hearing must include the name and address of the person submitting the request, define the reasons for the request, and discuss any proposed changes. If a public hearing is required, the Department will proceed according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 182.655 and Minnesota Rules 5210.0020 to 5210.0100.

Exempt Rules

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be sent to: Occupational Safety and Health Division, Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4307.

DATE: 6/12/2026

Nicole Blissenbach Commissioner

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following is a brief summary of the proposed amendments. To review the complete Federal Register notices referenced below, visit www.osha.gov.

“Amending the Hazard Communication Standard to conform to the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.” On May 20, 2024, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register*, to amend the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (29 C.F.R. section 1910.1200) to conform to the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The modifications to the standard include but are not limited to revised criteria for classification of certain health and physical hazards to better capture and communicate the hazards to downstream users; revised provisions for updating labels; new labeling provisions for small containers (including provisions addressing the labeling of small containers and the relabeling of chemicals that have been released for shipment); new provisions related to concentrations or concentration ranges being claimed as trade secrets; technical amendments related to the contents of safety data sheets (SDSs); and related revisions to definitions of terms used in the standard.

On October 9, 2024, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register* with corrections and technical amendments made to the original amended Hazard Communication Standard, which had been published as a final rule in the *Federal Register* on May 20, 2024. The correction and technical amendments consisted of two corrections to the regulatory text involving mis-numbered portions of paragraph (d) in the final rule and removing a phrase regarding the transmission of labels by electronic or other technological means, which had been inadvertently included in paragraph (f)(11). Other updates to the document included corrections to errors in the appendices of the document. In particular, OSHA added a correction involving hazard statements for aerosols and updating them to reflect chemicals under pressure in appendix C.

On November 4, 2024, and October 13, 2025, Minnesota OSHA adopted the final rule and final rule correction and technical amendments described above.

On January 8, 2026, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register* with correction and technical amendments made to the published final rule in the *Federal Register* on October 9, 2024. Federal OSHA issued these corrections to address additional minor errors which reflect its intent for the provisions of the final rule. A complete description of the typographical and other errors corrected can be found at Federal Register, Vol. 91, No. 5, published January 8, 2026.

On February 13, 2026, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register* which involved a correction to table B.5.1 located on page 572 of the January 8, 2026 *Federal Register*’s published final rule.

By this notice, Minnesota OSHA proposes to adopt the updated final rule corrections and technical amendments as published in the *Federal Register* on January 8, 2026 and February 13, 2026.

5205.0010 ADOPTION OF FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BY REFERENCE.

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

Subp. 2. **Part 1910.** Part 1910: Occupational Safety and Health Standards as published in Volume 43, No. 206 of the Federal Register on October 24, 1978, and corrected in Volume 43, No. 216 on November 7, 1978, which incorporates changes, additions, deletions, and corrections made up to November 7, 1978; and subsequent changes as follows:

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

WW. Federal Register, Volume 91, No. 5, pages 562-598, dated January 8, 2026: “Hazard Communication Standard; Corrections.”

XX. Federal Register, Volume 91, No. 30, page 6760, dated February 13, 2026: “Hazard Communication Standard; Corrections.”

[For text of subparts 3 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

Official Notices

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.

Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS)

Notice of Completed Application - Bigfork Valley Ambulance to provide Part-Time Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Office of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter OEMS) has received a completed application from **Bigfork Valley Ambulance, Bigfork Minnesota**, for a new license to provide Part-Time Advanced Life Support (ALS).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 3, each municipality, county, community health board, governing body of a regional emergency medical services system, ambulance service and other person wishing to make recommendations concerning the disposition of the application, shall make written recommendations or comments opposing the application to the OEMS **within 30 days or by September 15, 2026, 4:30 p.m.**

Written recommendations or comments opposing the application should be sent to: Dylan Ferguson, Director, OEMS, 335 Randolph Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. If no more than five comments opposing the application are received during the comment period, and the OEMS approves the application, the applicant will be exempt from a contested case hearing, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 4(a). If more than five comments in opposition to the application are received during the comment period, or the OEMS denies the application, the applicant may immediately request a contested case hearing or may try to resolve the objections of the public and/or the OEMS within 30 days, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(a)(b). If the applicant is unable to resolve the objections within 30 days, or if the applicant initially requests a contested case hearing, one will be scheduled and notice of the hearing given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(c)-(e).

Date: August 17, 2026

Dylan Ferguson, Director

Official Notices

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Health Regulation Division

Request for Comments for Possible Rules Relating to Massage Therapy and Asian Bodywork Therapy Registration, a new chapter in Minnesota Rules; Revisor's ID Number R-5020

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Health requests comments on its possible rules that are necessary to implement Minn. Stat. Sections 148.636 to 148.6377, including establishing standards of practice and a professional code of ethics, and other things that come up, if time permits. More information about this rulemaking project, including updates on the status of the work, and all public notices, can be found at www.health.state.us/facilities/providers/massagetherapy/rulemaking.html.

Persons Affected. The rules would likely affect the following groups and individuals:

- Massage therapy registrants
- Asian bodywork therapy registrants
- Consumers of massage therapy
- Consumers of Asian bodywork therapy
- Municipalities and/or other governmental entities in Minnesota that license massage establishments

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 148.6362, item 2, requires the Department to “adopt rules, including standards of practice and a professional code of ethics, necessary to implement sections 148.636 to 148.6377.”

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a copy of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Celeste Marin at Minnesota Department of Health, 625 Robert St, PO BOX 64900, Saint Paul, MN 55164, (651) 201-4849 and celeste.marin@state.mn.us or submit written comments via the Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026.

The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments.

This information can be provided as a comment on the Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>, or by contacting Celeste Marin using the contact methods above. This public comment opportunity is associated with the development of possible rules. Comments received in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Department is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submit comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you must resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Advisory Committee. The Department does plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. The Department is looking for a variety of viewpoints from the massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy industry, including practitioners, instructors, clients, and municipalities that currently license therapists, and hopes to appoint approximately 15 people with varying viewpoints and geographical balance within the state of Minnesota. If you are interested in participating as part of the advisory committee, please fill out the advisory committee interest form at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/FfahiJgRta>. This form can also be found on the Massage Therapy and Asian Bodywork Therapy rulemaking website at www.health.state.us/facilities/providers/massagetherapy/rulemaking.html. You must apply through the interest form by Friday, October 16, 2026. If you need accommodations or an alternative way to fill

out this form, please contact Celeste Marin using the contact methods above.

Local Governments. The Department is also interested in comments from local governments related to:

1. whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will exceed \$25,000 for one small city or business under Minnesota Statutes, section 14,127.
2. whether local governments might be required to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation to implement these rules.
3. How standards of practice and a professional code of ethics interacts with municipal-level licensing of massage therapy establishments in your jurisdiction, and any suggestions or comments you have.

The department therefore requests that local governments provide us with any relevant information about their ordinances, through the public comment options listed above.

Rules Drafts. The Department has not yet drafted the possible rules and does not anticipate that a draft of the rules will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Dated: July 24, 2026

Wendy Underwood
Deputy Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) Occupational Safety and Health Division Notice of Penalty Amounts

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 182.666, subdivision 6a, that the minimum and maximum penalties for violations of the Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 listed in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 182.666, subdivisions 1 to 5, except for the fine for a serious violation under section 182.653, subdivision 2, that causes or contributes to the death of an employee, will not be adjusted, as listed in the *Federal Register*, volume 91, published on May 27, 2026, for the corresponding federal penalties for occupational safety and health violations.

No adjustment to the penalties has been proposed this year. The maximum penalty for a willful or repeated violation will remain \$165,514. The minimum penalty for a willful violation will remain \$11,823. The maximum penalty for failing to correct a violation will remain \$16,550 per day beyond the required abatement date. Maximum penalties for serious violations, non-serious violations, and posting requirement violations will remain \$16,550.

Any questions about this notice may be sent by electronic mail to osha.compliance@state.mn.us.

Official Notices

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Request for Comments for Possible Rules Relating to Aquatic Life Use Designation, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7050; Revisor's ID Number 05001

Overview. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA or Agency) requests comments on possible rule amendments regarding water. This rulemaking project is referred to as the Aquatic Life Use Designation Revisions Rule and will affect Minnesota Rules, 7050.0470.

This request for comments (RFC) is the MPCA's legal notice of its intention to change or add to existing rule text. This is the first of several opportunities for public comment and input on this rulemaking. At this stage, we do not have a draft rule yet; we want your feedback to inform us about the ideas we are considering.

Subject of Rules. The MPCA is considering rules that will update Class 2 (Aquatic Life) and Class 7 (Limited Resource Value Waters) use designations to ensure that assigned beneficial uses are protective and attainable as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Minnesota Rule.

The "Aquatic Life Use Designation Revisions" rule will update Class 2 (Aquatic Life) and Class 7 (Limited Resource Value Waters) use designations to ensure that assigned beneficial uses are protective and attainable as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Minnesota Rule. These designations include new tiered aquatic life uses (TALUs) and updates to cold (Class 2A) and warm/cool (Class 2B) designations. The specific use designations in this rule are included to facilitate Intensive Watershed Monitoring (IWM) and permitting efforts by assigning appropriate designated uses for assessment, stressor identification, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting, and Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies. These designations also serve to document accurately the types and condition of Minnesota's aquatic resources.

Parties Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect the following groups and individuals:

- Permit Applicants
- Watershed stakeholders
- Watershed monitoring stakeholders

The MPCA does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes 115.03 Subd. 1(b) and 1(c) and Minnesota Statute § 115.44 authorizes the Agency to adopt rules establish water quality standards and grants the MPCA authority to group designated waters of the state into classes.

Agency Contact Person. Submit written comments via the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH) eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/41637-minnesota-pollution-control-agency-request-for-comments-aquatic-life-use-designation-revisions-rule> or other methods described in the Public Comment section below. The MPCA contact person for questions, requests to receive a paper copy of the draft rule when it has been prepared, or additional information on this rulemaking project is Daniel Gonzalez at 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194; daniel.gonzalez@state.mn.us; telephone 651-757-2267. You may also call the MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864; use your preferred relay service. Please note that you may not submit rulemaking comments by phone or email.

Public Comment. Interested parties may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on September 24, 2026. The MPCA will not publish a Notice of Intent to adopt the rules until more than 45 days have elapsed from the date of this RFC.

The MPCA requests any information pertaining to the cumulative effect of the rule amendments with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule. *Cumulative effect* means the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted

the other rules.

During the public comment period associated with this RFC, submit written comments or information to the:

1. CAH eComments website at [<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>];
2. CAH attn: William Moore, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, by US Mail or in person; or
3. CAH fax 651-539-0310.

[You can review frequently asked questions about the CAH eComments website at https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq_tcm19-82012.pdf.]

NOTE: The MPCA will carefully consider all comments received in response to this RFC. However, these comments will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Agency is required to submit to the ALJ only the written comments received in response to the draft rules after they are proposed with a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules. If you submit comments during the RFC stage of rule development and want to ensure that the ALJ reviews them, you should resubmit your comments after the rules are formally proposed with a Notice of Intent.

The MPCA [anticipates/does not anticipate] that the rule amendments will require a local government to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.128. Local governments may submit written information to the contrary.

Rule Drafts. The MPCA does not anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules. Parties interested in being notified when a draft of the rules is available and other activities relating to this rulemaking are encouraged to register at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/aquatic-life-use-designation-revisions>.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the Agency Contact Person listed above.

Date: June 11, 2026

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Sustainability, Planning and Program Management Division – Office of Transportation System Management Notice of Public Comment Period for the Public Participation Plan for the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan Update

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public is invited to review and provide comments through October 1st, 2026 on the Public Participation Plan for the update of the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan is Minnesota Department of Transportation's policy guide for all modes of transportation throughout Minnesota. The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan shares objectives, performance measures and strategies for transportation decisions over the next two decades. The Public Participation Plan outlines how MnDOT plans to connect with the public, stakeholders and partners to update the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

The Public Participation Plan can be accessed electronically at talk.dot.state.mn.us/2027-statewide-multimodal-transportation-plan-smtp-update. It also is available for review in hard copy at the MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Blvd., in St. Paul.

Official Notices

Written comments will be accepted through October 1st and should be addressed to:

Jesse Thorsen
Project Director
MnDOT Office of Transportation System Management
395 John Ireland Blvd, MS 440
Saint Paul, MN 55155
Email: jesse.thorsen@state.mn.us

For more information, contact Jesse Thorsen at 651-366-5622 or jesse.thorsen@state.mn.us, or visit talk.dot.state.mn.us/2027-statewide-multimodal-transportation-plan-smtp-update.

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/>

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*.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs

Request for Proposals for New Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Grants

Applications Due Date: September 18, 2026 (by 4:00:00 pm)

The purpose of this request for proposals is to fund Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) throughout Minnesota to improve the criminal justice system response to victims/survivors of sexual assault through collaborative partnerships and systems change.

A **SART** is a multidisciplinary team focused on system change, typically including representatives from sexual assault advocacy, law enforcement, prosecution, medical, corrections, and other primary points of disclosure for sexual assault victims/survivors.

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For the purposes of this program, this Request for Proposals, and applications received through this Request for Proposals: “sexual assault” means a violation of sections **609.342** to **609.3451**.

Grant Period

The grant period is January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028.

Available Funding

Approximately \$200,000 is available to award for two projects.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are nonprofits, Tribal governments, and local units of government throughout Minnesota. Agencies working together need to identify one agency as applicant and official grant recipient; budgets may include contracts with partner agencies. Eligible applicants must have a current SART and be actively engaged in regular meetings to improve the response to victims/survivors of sexual assault in their county. Nonprofit organizations must be registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Multi-organization collaboration is expected and allowed.

Only new applicants may apply. An applicant is considered “new” if the SART team has not been supported with a SART grant from OJP in the past 4 years. The applicant must have an established SART that meets regularly.

OJP currently funds SARTs in the following counties: Carver; Hennepin; Goodhue; Isanti; Ramsey; Rice; St. Louis (southern); and Winona, thus new applicants may not apply for a team for these counties unless they are able to make a case that the county is only partially covered by an existing team. Tribal government applicants may apply for a SART specific to their Tribal nation.

RFP Information Session: Thursday, August 13, 2026, 10:00am-11:00am – *Register via Teams*

Applications must be submitted using IGX - the MN DPS Grants Management System by 4:00:00 pm on September 18, 2026. See the *IGX Grants Management Support Webpage* for assistance navigating IGX. Go to *IGX Account Registration* to establish an IGX user account. Applications cannot be submitted after this time. No paper submissions will be accepted.

See full *Request for Proposals* for more information.

Submit questions by email to Victoria.riechers@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Office of Civil Rights

Request for Proposal: Minnesota Workforce 2027 Training Program

MnDOT requests responses from workforce centers, community-based organizations, training institutions, colleges, and trade associations to develop and administer a program in highway construction career development and training.

The program to be developed and delivered is:

- Up to two adult highway construction trade training programs in Minnesota for up to 20 participants per program.

Responses must be received via email with a time stamp of no later than 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time on Aug. 18, 2026. Late responses will not be considered.

To view the RFP go to: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/civilrights/requests-for-proposals.html>.

Full eligibility requirements are detailed in the RFP.

For more information, visit: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/civilrights/workforce-training-programs.html>.

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 Arts Board

Request for Proposals to Conduct a Survey: Minnesotans' Perceptions of the Value of Arts Experiences

PROJECT NAME: Survey: Minnesotans' Perceptions of the Value of Arts Experiences

DETAILS: The Minnesota State Arts Board is requesting proposals for the purpose of conducting a survey on Minnesotans' perceptions of the value of arts. The Arts Board is seeking a vendor with experience conducting surveys of this scope and magnitude.

The vendor will be responsible for revising an existing survey instrument, designing the survey methodology, administering the survey, analyzing the resulting data, and writing a summary report.

The Arts Board expects that there will be sufficient responses to the survey to draw meaningful conclusions about Minnesota overall and determine if there are disparities in outcomes for certain demographic groups. The survey was last conducted in 2022. In the last iteration of the survey, 1,309 Minnesotans responded to the survey. This iteration of the survey should generate a similar number or greater—between 1,300 and 1,500 responses.

Work is anticipated to start after November 15, 2026, and continue through May 2027.

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

Jeffrey Niblack
Research and Evaluation Director
Jeffrey.niblack@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email not later than 3pm, Central Time, October 2, 2026. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax 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.

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.

Minnesota State Lottery Request for Proposal for Leadership Consulting Services

PROJECT NAME: Request for Proposal for Leadership Consulting Services for the Minnesota State Lottery

DETAILS: The Minnesota State Lottery is requesting proposals for the purpose of a contractor to deliver leadership consulting services on an as-needed, hourly basis to the Minnesota Lottery executive director and senior team. The Contractor will provide consulting services in a timely manner with delivery dates agreed on by the State and the Consultant as each request for consulting services is made by the State.

Work is anticipated to start after Thursday, 10/29/26.

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

Sarah Pound
Purchasing/Retailer Contracts Manager
purchasing@mnlottery.com.

The RFP is also publicly available at <https://www.mnlottery.com/vendor-opportunities>.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email or mail not later than 2:00 p.m. Central Time, Wednesday 9/9/26. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Faxed 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.

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

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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.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

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/>.

City of Mankato

Mankato Transit System

Notice of Request For Proposals (RFP) for Bus Stop Design

Mankato Transit System is soliciting proposals to identify qualified firms for bus stop design. Project work shall include site investigations, design, plans and specification, and stop location recommendations.

Interested firms can obtain a copy of the RFP by downloading a copy from the City's website (<https://www.mankatomn.gov/about-mankato/business/bids-and-request-for-proposals>).

Submit questions related to specific project requirements by **12:00 PM on August 31, 2026** via email to Todd Owens (towens@mankatomn.gov).

The deadline for submitting the RFP package is **4:00 pm September 1, 2026**.

