

Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Proposed Rules Governing Sanitary Districts, Boundary Petitions, and Proceedings, Minnesota Rules, 1408; Revisor's ID Number R-04407

Subject of Rules. On January 25, 2015, the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) adopted temporary exempt rules governing sanitary districts and proceedings. OAH is seeking to adopt these interim rules as permanent rules and requests comments on its proposed permanent rules. OAH is proposing rules pertaining to the procedures for conducting proceedings, making determinations, and issuing orders for the creation, annexation, detachment or dissolution of sanitary districts. The proposed rules would align the procedures for these cases with current statutes, familiar rules of administrative procedure and best practices.

Persons Affected. The rules would likely affect any sanitary district, property owner, city, town, county, political subdivision, or other governmental entity who is participating in sanitary district boundary proceedings.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 442A.02, subd. 5 (2014), authorizes OAH to adopt rules that are reasonably necessary to carry out the duties and powers imposed upon the chief administrative law judge under Minnesota Statutes, section 442A.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these proposed rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016. Interested persons may also comment via OAH's Rulemaking e-Comments Website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>. OAH does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. OAH's draft of the proposed rules is available from the agency contact person listed below and on OAH's Rulemaking e-Comments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these proposed rules should be directed to:

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Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio recording. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: May 16, 2016

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TAMMY L. PUST
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings