

BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUE LISTING

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Topic: Matter of junk in yard at 610 South 9th Street

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Background:

The Health Department has attempted to resolve the issue of excessive junk in the yard at 610 South 9th Street for several years. Fines imposed by municipal court over many years have not motivated the property owner to clean it up. In previous action by the Board of Health in 2015, the property was deemed a public health nuisance and ordered abated. Prior to the abatement action by the Grand Forks Board of Public Health, a group of volunteers cleaned up the yard in August of 2015. Since that time, the property owner has continued to collect items that are located in the outdoor area and around the house at 610 South 9th Street.

The outdoor areas of the property were inspected in September, 2015, April, 2016, on June 3, 2016, on August 16, 2016 and on August 22, 2016. The property continues to have a large amount of accumulated junk, debris, food, and other items throughout the yard which poses a public health threat due to the potential to harbor rodents and vermin. The Health Department has received complaints from neighbors expressing concern that the condition of the property is not only unsightly, but that it poses a health hazard for residents in the adjacent properties.

Action: Conduct public hearing on matter of junk in yard, and develop findings, conclusions, and orders for junk and debris removal on outdoor property at 610 South 9th Street to eliminate any public health hazards.

Topic: Matter of pigeon waste at 311 Demers Avenue

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Background:

The Health Department has received complaints from tenants in the buildings located at 311 Demers Avenue that pigeon waste exists on and around the ventilation system and fire escapes causing a health hazard. The building owner has been notified of the conditions by the tenants, as the waste material is causing odors within the building. Additionally, the Health Department made an inspection and issued notices of violation on May 24 and August 23 with no action taken by the property owner to date.

Action: Set date for public hearing on the matter.