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August 26, 2026

Licensee

Smc Ashton Homes LLC
6242 Larch Lane North
Maple Grove, MN 55369

RE: Project Number(s) SL34920016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on July 29, 2026, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, MDH noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 144G, Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules Chapter 4626, Minnesota Statute 626.5572 and/or Minnesota Statute Chapter 260E.

MDH concludes the licensee is in substantial compliance. State law requires the facility must take action to correct the state correction orders and document the actions taken to comply in the facility's records. The Department reserves the right to return to the facility at any time should the Department receive a complaint or deem it necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents in your care.

STATE CORRECTION ORDERS

The enclosed State Form documents the state correction orders. MDH documents state licensing correction orders using federal software. Tag numbers are assigned to Minnesota state statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute number and the corresponding text of the state statute out of compliance are listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings that are in violation of the state statute after the statement, "This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by . . ."

IMPOSITION OF FINES

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 4, fines and enforcement actions may be imposed based on the level and scope of the violations and may be imposed immediately with no opportunity to correct the violation first as follows:

Level 1: no fines or enforcement;

Level 2: a fine of \$500 per violation, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20;

Level 3: a fine of \$1,000 per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20;

Level 4: a fine of \$3,000 per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20;

Level 5: a fine of \$5,000 per violation, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20.

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, the following fines are assessed pursuant to this survey:

0775 - 144g.45 Subd. 2. (a) - Fire Protection And Physical Environment - \$500.00

0780 - 144g.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) - Fire Protection And Physical Environment - \$500.00

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, **the total amount you are assessed is \$1,000.00**. You will be invoiced approximately 30 days after receipt of this notice, subject to appeal.

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.30, Subd. 5(c), the licensee must document actions taken to comply with the correction orders within the time period outlined on the state form; however, plans of correction are not required to be submitted for approval.

The correction order documentation should include the following:

- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected related to the resident(s)/employee(s) identified in the correction order.
- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected for all of the provider's resident(s)/employees that may be affected by the noncompliance.
- Identify what changes to your systems and practices were made to ensure compliance with the specific statute(s).

CORRECTION ORDER RECONSIDERATION PROCESS

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.32, Subd. 2, you may challenge the correction order(s) issued, including the level and scope, and any fine assessed through the correction order reconsideration process. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and received by MDH within 15 calendar days of the correction order receipt date.

To submit a reconsideration request, please visit:

<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRDAppealsForm>

REQUESTING A HEARING

Alternatively, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 5(d), an assisted living provider that has been assessed a fine under this subdivision has a right to a reconsideration or a hearing under this section and chapter 14. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 144G.20, Subd. 14 and Subd. 18, a request for a hearing must be in writing and received by the Department of Health within 15 business days of the correction order receipt date. The request must contain a brief and plain statement describing each

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matter or issue contested and any new information you believe constitutes a defense or mitigating factor.

To submit a hearing request, please visit:

<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRDAppealsForm>

To appeal fines via reconsideration, please follow the procedure outlined above. Please note that you may request a reconsideration **or** a hearing, but not both. If you wish to contest tags without fines in a reconsideration and tags with the fines at a hearing, please submit two separate appeals forms at the website listed above.

The MDH Health Regulation Division (HRD) values your feedback about your experience during the survey and/or investigation process. Please fill out this anonymous provider feedback questionnaire at your convenience at this link: **<https://forms.office.com/g/Bm5uQEPhVa>**. Your input is important to us and will enable MDH to improve its processes and communication with providers.

You are encouraged to retain this document for your records. It is your responsibility to share the information contained in the letter and state form with your organization's Governing Body.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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State Evaluation Team

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0 000	Initial Comments *****ATTENTION***** ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER(S) In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey. Determination of whether violations are corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the Statute number indicated below. When Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. INITIAL COMMENTS: SL34920016-0 On July 28, 2026, through July 29, 2026, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider and the following correction orders are issued. At the time of the survey, there were four residents; four receiving services under the Assisted Living Facility license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. The assigned tag number appears in the far-left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the evaluators' findings is the Time Period for Correction. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.		
0 480 SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1a (a-b) Minimum requirements; required food services	0 480			

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 480	Continued From page 1 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), food must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 4626. (b) For an assisted living facility with a licensed capacity of ten or fewer residents: (1) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0033, item A, the facility may share a certified food protection manager (CFPM) with one other facility located within a 60-mile radius and under common management provided the CFPM is present at each facility frequently enough to effectively administer, manage, and supervise each facility's food service operation; (2) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0545, item A, kick plates that are not removable or cannot be rotated open are allowed unless the facility has been issued repeated correction orders for violations of Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1565 or 4626.1570; (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0685, item A, the facility is not required to provide integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate soiled and clean items that may accumulate during hours of operation provided soiled items do not contaminate clean items, surfaces, or food, and clean equipment and dishes are air dried in a manner that prevents contamination before storage; (4) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1070, item A, the facility is not required to install a dedicated handwashing sink in its existing kitchen provided it designates one well of a two-compartment sink for use only as a handwashing sink; (5) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, and 4626.1360, item A, existing floor, wall, and ceiling finishes are	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 2 allowed provided the facility keeps them clean and in good condition; (6) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1375, shielded or shatter-resistant lightbulbs are not required, but if a light bulb breaks, the facility must discard all exposed food and fully clean all equipment, dishes, and surfaces to remove any glass particles; and (7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure food was prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and is issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report (FBEIR) dated July 28, 2026, for the specific Minnesota Food Code violations. The Inspection Report was provided to the licensee within 24 hours of the inspection.	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 3	0 480			
0 775 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2. (a) Fire protection and physical environment Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and: This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the physical environment of the facility was maintained in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statute 144G. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death) and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Physical Environment Inspection Report (PEIR) dated July 28, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days.	0 775			

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0 780	Continued From page 4	0 780			
0 780 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) Fire protection and physical environment (a) Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and: (1) for dwellings or sleeping units, as defined in the State Fire Code: (i) provide smoke alarms in each room used for sleeping purposes; (ii) provide smoke alarms outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms; (iii) provide smoke alarms on each story within a dwelling unit, including basements, but not including crawl spaces and unoccupied attics; (iv) where more than one smoke alarm is required within an individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit, interconnect all smoke alarms so that actuation of one alarm causes all alarms in the individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit to operate; and (v) ensure the power supply for existing smoke alarms complies with the State Fire Code, except that newly introduced smoke alarms in existing buildings may be battery operated; This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the physical environment of the facility was maintained in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statute 144G.	0 780			

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0 780	Continued From page 5 This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death) and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Physical Environment Inspection Report (PEIR) dated July 28, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days.	0 780			
01730 SS=F	144G.71 Subd. 5 Individualized medication management plan (a) For each resident receiving medication management services, a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or qualified staff delegated the task by a registered nurse must prepare and include in the service plan a written statement of the medication management services that will be provided to the resident. The facility must develop and maintain a current individualized medication management record for each resident based on the resident's assessment that must contain the following: (1) a statement describing the medication management services that will be provided; (2) a description of storage of medications based on the resident's needs and preferences, risk of	01730			

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01730	Continued From page 6 diversion, and consistent with the manufacturer's directions; (3) documentation of specific resident instructions relating to the administration of medications; (4) identification of persons responsible for monitoring medication supplies and ensuring that medication refills are ordered on a timely basis; (5) identification of medication management tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed personnel; (6) procedures for staff notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional when a problem arises with medication management services; and (7) any resident-specific requirements relating to documenting medication administration, verifications that all medications are administered as prescribed, and monitoring of medication use to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions. (b) The medication management record must be current and updated when there are any changes. (c) Medication reconciliation must be completed when a licensed nurse, licensed health professional, or authorized prescriber is providing medication management. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to develop an individualized medication management plan with the required content for two of two residents (R1, R2). This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a	01730			

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01730	Continued From page 7 resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: R1 R1 was admitted to the licensee on February 12, 2025, and began receiving assisted living services. R1's Assisted Living Service Plan signed on March 21, 2026, indicated R1's services included assistance with dressing, bathing, medication administration, insulin administration, and behavior management R1's Individualized Medication Management Plan dated February 12, 2026, lacked the following required content: - a description of storage of medications based on the resident's needs and preferences, risk of diversion, and consistent with manufacturer's directions; and - identification of medication management tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed personnel. R2 R2 was admitted to the licensee on February 27, 2024, and began receiving assisted living services. R2's Assisted living Service Plan dated December 4, 2025, indicated R2's services included assistance with dressing, bathing, medication administration, and behavior management	01730			

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01730	Continued From page 8 R2's Individualized Medication Management Plan signed on June 29, 2026, lacked the following required content: - a description of storage of medications based on the resident's needs and preferences, risk of diversion, and consistent with manufacturer's directions; and - identification of medication management tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed personnel. On July 28, 2026, at 11:57 a.m., the surveyor observed unlicensed personnel (ULP)-C assisting R1 with insulin administration. On July 28, 2026, at 1:05 p.m., the surveyor observed ULP-C administering medications to R2. On July 28, 2026, at 3:05 p.m., clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-B stated they were unaware the medication management plans were missing content. RN-B stated they were transitioning to Residex (an electronic medical record) and this would be resolved with the new electronic medical record. The licensee's undated Medication Management policy indicated the RN would develop a medication management plan based on the medication assessment. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01730			



Metro District Office
Minnesota Department of Health
625 Robert St N, PO BOX 64975
St Paul, MN 55164
Phone: 651-201-4500

Food & Beverage Inspection Report

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Establishment Info

SMC ASHTON INC
6242 Larch Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55369
Hennepin County
Parcel:

Phone:

License Info

License: HFID 34920

Risk:
License:
Expires on:
CFPM: Sheik K. Dukuly II
CFPM #: FM109724; Exp: 2/11/2028

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1039261195
Inspection Type: Full - Single
Date: 7/28/2026 Time: 11:30 AM
Duration: minutes
Announced Inspection:
Total Priority 1 Orders: 0
Total Priority 2 Orders: 0
Total Priority 3 Orders: 2
Delivery: Emailed

New Order: 3-300C Protection from Contamination: equipment/utensils, consumers

3-305.11A Priority Level: Priority 3 CFP#: 39

MN Rule 4626.0300A Store all food in a clean, dry location; where it is not exposed to splash, dust or other contamination; and at least 6 inches above the floor.

COMMENT: OBSERVED STAFF RINSING RAW CHICKEN WITH WATER AT SINK TAP WHILE CLEAN DISHES STACKED IN RACK BESIDE SINK. INSTRUCTED STAFF AND PIC TO DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF RINSING RAW CHICKEN UNDER RUNNING TAP WATER.

Comply By: 7/28/2026 Originally Issued On: 7/28/2026

New Order: 3-500A Microbial Control: cooling

3-501.13ABC Priority Level: Priority 3 CFP#: 35

MN Rule 4626.0380ABC Thaw TCS food by one of the following methods: 1. under mechanical refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 41 degrees F (4 degrees C) or less; 2. completely submerged under running water at 70 degrees F (21 degrees C) or less with a velocity to remove loose particles on an overflow and the food is maintained at 41 degrees F (5 degrees C) or less; 3. in a microwave oven or; 4. as part of the cooking process.

COMMENT: OBSERVED RAW CHICKEN THAWING IN TUB OF STANDING WATER IN SINK. INSTRUCTED STAFF TO USE AN METHOD IN ABOVE RULE TO THAW FROZEN MEATS.

Comply By: 7/28/2026 Originally Issued On: 7/28/2026

Food & Beverage General Comment

AMBIENT - COOLER - 41 DEGREES F

FREEZERS - FROZEN (NOTE 2 FREEZERS PRESENT IN BASEMENT)

This inspection was completed as part of MDH HRD assisted living facility survey. The inspection was conducted with the person-in-charge and reviewed with MDH HRD nurse evaluator Michelle Winters.

The kitchen is of residential build and should serve food for same-day service only.

The kitchen has wood cabinets with hollow base and laminate countertops, painted walls and ceiling. These kitchen finishes and surfaces are in good repair, clean and well maintained.

A 2-compartment sink is present in kitchen. 1 compartment is designated for handwashing only.

A residential dishwashing machine is present in the kitchen. By thermo test strip results log kept by person-in-charge, the dishwashing machine rinse temperature at utensil surface exceeds 160 degrees F.

Discussed the following with the person-in-charge: minimum cook temps for animal proteins, food source, foodborne illness symptoms and exclusion of ill employees, avoiding bare hand contact with ready to eat foods, handwashing, sanitizing, all orders on this report.

NOTE: All new food equipment must meet the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Metro District Office inspection report number F1039261195 from 7/28/2026



Sheik K. Dukuly II
person-in-charge

Aron Goodner,
Public Health Sanitarian
651-201-4910
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Physical Environment Inspection Report

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Project No: SL34920016-0	Date: July 28, 2026
Facility Name: SMC ASHTON INC	
Facility Address: 6242 LARCH LANE NORTH MAPLE GROVE MN 55369	

☒ TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0775

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Widespread TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Seven (7) days

1.

Each assisted living facility must comply with the provisions of the Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC) in Minnesota Rules chapter 7511. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2]
2.

A means of egress shall be free from obstructions that would prevent its use, including the accumulation of snow and ice. Means of egress shall remain free of any material or matter where its presence would obstruct or render the means of egress hazardous. No combustible material storage is allowed in the corridors or exit stairs. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1031.3]

Comments: The facility failed to maintain a clear and unobstructed means of egress from an emergency exit. The surveyor observed that an overgrown tree completely blocked the exterior stairs leading from the deck. The door providing access to the deck was labeled as an emergency exit, but the obstructed stairs prevented occupants from using the designated exit path.
3.

Where smoking is permitted, suitable noncombustible ash trays or match receivers shall be provided on each table and at other appropriate locations. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 310.6]

Comments: Cigarette butts were observed discarded inside a plastic flowerpot located on the basement patio.
4.

Listed single and multiple-station smoke alarms complying with UL 217 shall be installed. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 907.2.10]

Comments: The smoke alarm devices provided throughout the facility did not display any indication that they were listed to underwriter laboratories (UL) standards to comply with requirements.

☒ **TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0780**

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Widespread

TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Seven (7) days

1. Smoke alarms shall be interconnected so that actuation of one alarm causes all alarms in the individual dwelling or sleeping unit to operate where more than one smoke alarm is required within an individual dwelling or sleeping unit. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: At 1:55 p.m., the Maintenance Director (MD)-E tested the smoke alarm system to make sure the facility maintained interconnected smoke alarms. The test failed to activate the smoke alarms on the lower level of the facility.