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September 10, 2026

Licensee
The Elms
2171 Seventh Avenue North
Anoka, MN 55303

RE: Project Number(s) SL20535016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on August 18, 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:

St - 0 - 0775 - 144g.45 Subd. 2. (a) - 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 \$500.00**. 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 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/Bm5uQEpHV>**. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Thorson".

Kelly Thorson, Supervisor
State Evaluation Team
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Minnesota Department of Health

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20535	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/18/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER THE ELMS		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2171 SEVENTH AVENUE NORTH ANOKA, MN 55303			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)		(X5) COMPLETE DATE
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: SL20535016 On August 17, 2026, through August 18, 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 six resident(s); six receiving services under the Assisted Living Facility license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living License Providers. 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 surveyors' 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 subd. 1, 2, and 3.		
0 775 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2. (a) Fire protection and physical environment Each assisted living facility must comply with the	0 775			

Minnesota Department of Health
LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 775	Continued From page 1 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 August 18, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days.	0 775			



St Cloud District Office
Minnesota Department of Health
4140 Thielman Lane, Suite 101
St Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 651-201-4500

Food & Beverage Inspection Report

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Establishment Info

THE ELMS
2171 7TH AVENUE NORTH
Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka County
Parcel:

Phone:

License Info

License: HFID 20535

Risk:
License:
Expires on:
CFPM: Berinda Ann Stanley
CFPM #: 68059; Exp: 03/08/2029

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1051261226
Inspection Type: Full - Single
Date: 8/17/2026 Time: 11:00:00 AM
Duration: 30 minutes
Announced Inspection: No
Total Priority 1 Orders: 0
Total Priority 2 Orders: 0
Total Priority 3 Orders: 0
Delivery: Emailed

No orders were issued for this inspection report.

Food & Beverage General Comment

MET WITH THE NURSE EVALUATOR, WENDY ROBARGE.

DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING WITH THE PERSON IN CHARGE, BERINDA:

EMPLOYEE ILLNESS LOG
VOMIT CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES
HANDWASHING & GLOVE USE/DISPOSAL
NOROVIRUS

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 St Cloud District Office inspection report number F1051261226 from 8/17/2026

Berinda Stanley
Person in Charge

Kai Yang,
Public Health Sanitarian 1
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kai.yang@state.mn.us



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Temperature Observations/Recordings

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Establishment Info

THE ELMS
Anoka
County/Group: Anoka County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1051261226
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 8/17/2026
Time: 11:00:00 AM

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE; **Temperature Process:** Cold-Holding

Location: Upright Cooler at 40 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** AMERICAN SAUSAGE; **Temperature Process:** Cold-Holding

Location: Upright Cooler at 40 Degrees F.

Comment: LOWER FLOOR

Violation Issued?: No

Physical Environment Inspection Report

ENGINEERING | ASSISTED LIVING

Project No: SL20535016	Date: 8/18/2026
Facility Name: The Elms	
Facility Address: 2171 7 th Ave. N., Anoka, MN 55303	

☒ 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 staircase leading out from the upper-level living room area to the rear exterior of the property was marked as an emergency exit, but was not maintained in a safe and sturdy manner. This exit staircase had rotten wood and swayed when walked on. The railings were loose and not properly secured for use in an emergency. Facility staff repaired the railing and secured portions of the stairway during the survey. The exit stairs and all components of the means of egress should be maintained in a safe condition and free of any deterioration or damage that could obstruct ready exit during an emergency.

3. 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: Smoke alarms installed throughout the facility were not properly listed for use. The surveyor requested documentation, but facility staff were unable to provide documents indicating that the alarms were listed to underwriters laboratory (UL) standard 217. The user manual for the smoke alarms was accessed online and failed to indicate that the alarms complied with UL 217. Properly rated alarms should be installed and maintained.