

Board of Health - Public Nuisance Hearings

Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 11:30 AM – Goldsmith Room

Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Hickman called to order the city of Canton public nuisance hearings presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health (CCPH) on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Dr. Stephen Hickman, Patrick Wyatt, Cleo Lucas, and Dr. Amy Lakritz.

Staff members present: James Adams, Gus Dria, Annie Butusov, and Sean Green.

Also present was Carrie D'Andrea of the City of Canton Law Department.

Hearings

a. Properties

Mr. Dria and all present property owners were sworn in.

Mr. Dria testified and provided photos of substandard environmental conditions for several properties located in the city of Canton. The property owners who were present also provided their testimony.

b. Animal Owners

Mr. Dria provided testimony of animal owners who failed to comply with vaccination reporting requirements for an animal involved in a bite.

Adjourn

APPROVED:

Mr. Wyatt moved, and Mrs. Lucas seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

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The hearing for property at 1250 Wertz Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:31 am.

The owner of the property, Terry Parsons, was present. Mr. Parsons and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were both sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria found the environmental conditions at the property to be substandard (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property).

Mr. Parsons stated that the house was currently being probated and that the water department won't turn the water on until probating is finalized. Mr. Parsons added that no one is currently living in the house, but he and a few family members have been at the house nearly every day to check on it and renovate.

Mr. Dria asked that the Board not issue an order to vacate or abate the property since no one is currently living in the home. All Board members agreed that issuing an order was not necessary at this time.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:38 am.

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The hearing for property at 806 – 12th St NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:38 am.

The property owner, Dane Lukens, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. sewage backup and associated sewage odors and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be vacated and remain vacant until satisfactory building code enforcement and health inspections have been met, and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:39 am.

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The hearing for property at 2008 Penn Pl NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:39 am.

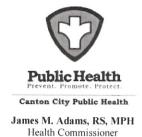
The property owner, Steve Filliez, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. no potable water service at an occupied property, inoperable plumbing, no heating or electrical service, poor cleanliness, the accumulation of junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and general unsanitary conditions on the interior, and the accumulation of tires, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris on the exterior). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

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The hearing for property at 1945 Otto Pl NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:40 am.

A representative of the property owner, James L. Billings – Estate, was not present. The property tenant, Towanna A. Artis, also did not appear. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:41 am.

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The hearing for property at 1946 Otto Pl NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:41 am.

A representative of the property owner, James L. Billings – Estate, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:42 am.

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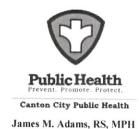
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The hearing for property at 1720 – 4th St NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:42 am.

A representative of the property owner, The Bryant Family Trust, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of renovation waste, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 14, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:43 am.

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The hearing for property at 1611 – 2nd St NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:43 am.

A representative of the property owner, 7th Street Properties LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 14, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:44 am.

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The hearing for property at 427 Warner Rd SE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:44 am.

The property owner, David Kinsey, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of pallets, renovation waste, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:46 am.

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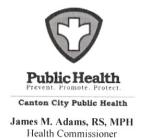
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The hearing for property at 1231 Minerva Ct NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:46 am.

The property owners, John D. Tolley and Melissa K. Tolley, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of animal waste, furniture, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:47 am.

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The hearing for property at 608/610 Queen Ct NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:47 am.

A representative of the property owner, Acosta Investments, LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the failure to repair inoperable plumbing, and missing plumbing). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:49 am.

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The hearing for property at 806 Arlington Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:49 am.

The property owner, Michal Kell, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:51 am.

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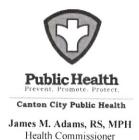
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The hearing for property at 2627 – 11th St SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:51 am.

The property owners, Nicholas DeFrank and Jessica DeFrank, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of furniture, trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:52 am.

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The hearing for property at 209 Roslyn Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:52 am.

The property owner, Mark Roach, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. no potable water service at an occupied property, inaccessible living areas due to hoarding-type conditions, poor cleanliness, the accumulation of human waste, dog waste, rotting food, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, a rodent infestation, foul and noxious odors, and general unsanitary conditions). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be vacated and to remain vacant until satisfactory building code enforcement and health inspections have been met, and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

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The hearing for property at 2715 Blair Pl SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:52 am.

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A representative of the property owner, SFR3 - 040 LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of furniture, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:53 am.

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Monday, February 27, 2023 Hearing

The hearing for property at 1031 Dartmouth Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:53 am.

A representative of the property owner, SFR3 - 040 LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of dog waste, trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:53 am.

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The hearing for property at 1136 Smith Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:53 am.

A representative of the property owner, Eddie Hmeidan, was not present. The property tenant, Erin Stafford, was also not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:54 am.

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The hearing for property at 1132 Smith Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:54 am.

A representative of the property owner, Canton Rentals LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of furniture, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:54 am.

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The hearing for property at 601 High Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Stephen Hickman at 11:54 am.

The property owner, Richard Manson, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance and ordered it to be abated or vacated by March 7, 2023 and for Canton City Public Health to be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:55 am.

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The hearing for animal owner, Demarcus Taylor, 646 Smith Ave SW, Ohio was called to order by Dr. Steven Hickman at 11:55 am.

The owner was not present. Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that the owner of the animal failed to comply with vaccination reporting requirements for an animal involved in a bite. Mr. Dria requested that the animal owner be declared as having failed to provide rabies prevention verification and to be authorized to file criminal charges to achieve compliance with the revised code.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 11:57 am.

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