

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Aitkin County Planning Commission will hold a second public hearing on the repealing of the 1945 Zoning Ordinance on Restricted Lands in Aitkin County. The hearing will be conducted on August 21, 2023 at 4:00pm in the Board Room at the Aitkin County Government Center, 307 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners with proposed first reading at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 22, 2023 and second reading on September 12, 2023. A summary is as follows:

On November 2, 1944, and in the spirit to relieve Aitkin County the burden to provide services and roads into remote areas of the County, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopted a Zoning Ordinance that became effective on January 1, 1945, and which divided all unincorporated areas into a Restricted and Unrestricted Districts. The Unrestricted District had no use or occupancy limitations. The Restricted District prohibited the building and occupancy of established homes, excluding a few exceptions such as seasonal cabins for hunting, fishing, and recreation. Since then, Aitkin County has not enforced this Ordinance, and in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, repealing this 1945 Ordinance encourages economic development and growth in rural townships into the future.

The 1945 Ordinance is appended to this notice and is available on the Aitkin County website at <https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/ordinances.html>. A copy is available for public review at the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office and the Aitkin County Auditor's Office in the Aitkin County Government Center during regular business hours. Submit comments in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office: 307 2nd St NW, Room 219, Aitkin, MN 56431, by facsimile 218-927-4372, or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us before 4:00pm on August 18, 2023. Please include a full name and complete mailing address with all comments. This notice will be published in the July 26 and August 2, 2023 Aitkin Independent Age.