

**Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings**

**August 27, 2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Patrick Wyatt called to order the City of Canton public nuisance hearings presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 4:35 PM. Mr. Patrick Wyatt presiding. The meeting location was at City Hall, Council Chambers, 218 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton, OH.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Mr. Patrick Wyatt; Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury; Mrs. Cleo Lucas  
Dr. James Johns arrived at 4:43 pm  
Members Absent: None  
Members Excused: Mayor William Sherer II; Dr. Amy Lakritz  
Staff Present: Health Commissioner Amanda Archer, Gus Dria, and Sean Green

Others Present: Carrie D'Andrea of Canton City Law Department

**Agenda corrections and approval.**

**1. Motion to approve agenda.**

Mrs. Lucas moved, and Ms. Kingsbury seconded a motion to approve the August 27, 2024 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wyatt – Yes      Mrs. Lucas – Yes      Ms. Kingsbury – Yes

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting agenda was approved.

**Public Health Nuisance Hearings**

**2. Public health nuisance hearings.**

Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to provide his testimony. All present property owners were also sworn in.

Mr. Dria presented both verbal testimony and photographic evidence to exhibit the substandard environmental conditions at several properties within the city of Canton. All present property owners also provided their testimonies.

Mr. Dria also provided testimony on animal owners who failed to report vaccination records for an animal involved in a bite.

**Next meeting date.**

**3. Next meeting date - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

The next City of Canton public nuisance hearings, presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health, are scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

**Adjournment.**

Ms. Kingsbury moved, and Mrs. Lucas seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

**APPROVED:**

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1615 Frazer Ave NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:37 PM.

The property owner, Theresa Mayes, was present. Ms. Mayes and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, trash bags, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested that this be declared a public health nuisance.

Ms. Mayes testified that she was in the process of cleaning the property and had ordered a dumpster to aid with disposal. She asked that the Board of Health allow her until September 11th to fully abate the property.

The Board of Health granted Ms. Mayes' request, and ordered the property to be abated by September 11, 2024. If the September 11th deadline is not met, Canton City Public Health will 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 4:40 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1635 Clarendon Ave SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:40 PM.

The property owner, Steve Filliez, was not present. The property tenant, Joseph Anderson, was present. Mr. Anderson and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, an unmaintained/nonoperating swimming pool with stagnant water, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested that this be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Anderson testified that he had drained the swimming pool and planned to dispose of it along with the remaining trash on the property. Based on this information, Mr. Dria then requested that the swimming pool be removed from consideration, and that the Board declare the remaining issues a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 4:45 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the properties at 1311 Garfield Ave SW, Canton, Ohio, and 1731 Bank Pl SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:45 PM.

The owner of both properties, Natalie Jacobson, was present. Also present was Ms. Jacobson's nephew, Gary Weber. Ms. Jacobson, Mr. Weber, and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. poor cleanliness, a rodent infestation, hoarding conditions with an accumulation of rodent droppings, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, foul and noxious odors, and general unsanitary conditions on the interior). Mr. Dria requested that this be declared a public health nuisance.

Ms. Jacobson testified that she was in the process of cleaning the properties but needed more time to fully address the issues. Mr. Weber added that he was assisting Ms. Jacobson with the cleanup efforts.

The Board of Health granted Ms. Jacobson an extension, and ordered that the properties to be abated or vacated by September 24, 2024, and to remain vacant until a satisfactory health inspection. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 4:58 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1821 Frazer Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:58 PM.

The property owner, Harris Hutcheson, was present. Mr. Hutcheson and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested that this be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Hutcheson testified that he was actively working to restore the water service at the property and had reached out to assistance agencies for help in paying the water bill. He requested that the Board of Health grant him until September 11th to have the water turned on.

The Board of Health granted and Mr. Hutcheson's request and ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 11, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:01 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1236 Oxford Ave NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:01 PM.

The property owners, Willard and Diane Spoon Jr., 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 scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:01 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1435 Homer Ave NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:01 PM.

The property owners, Robert and Marlene Lee, 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 scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and a roach infestation). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:02 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1310 – 14<sup>th</sup> St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:02 PM.

The property owner, Ida Goins, 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 scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:02 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 1121 – 11<sup>th</sup> St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:02 PM.

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

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:03 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 929 – 3rd St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:03 PM.

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

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The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 408 Hazlett Ave NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:03 PM.

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

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:03 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1815 Bechel Pl NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:03 PM.

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

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1309 Piedmont Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:03 PM.

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

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:04 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2214 Maple Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:04 PM.

The property owner, Vernon Schlichting, 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 scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 11, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:04 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 3924 Fairmont Blvd., Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:04 PM.

The property owner, Eleanor Shanofski, 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. plumbing in disrepair, no potable water service, poor cleanliness, a rodent infestation, an insect infestation, hoarding conditions with an accumulation of human waste, rodent droppings, rotting food, excessive newspaper/mail, trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and general unsanitary conditions on the interior). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be vacated and remain vacant until a satisfactory health inspection. Canton City Public Health will 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 5:05 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2107 Penn Pl NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:05 PM.

A representative of the property owner, Old 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 furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:05 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1617 Tuscarawas St E, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:05 PM.

A representative of the property owner, Cole FD Portfolio III 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, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:06 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1416 – 4<sup>th</sup> St NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:06 PM.

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. the accumulation of scrap, 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.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:06 PM.

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**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

### Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1465 Allen Ave SE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 5:06 PM.

A representative of the property owner, Corvallis 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 trash bags, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by September 4, 2024. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will 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 5:07 PM.

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**Hearing**

The hearing for animal owner, Lionell Blair, 1523 Sherrick Rd SE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore, at 5:07 PM.

The owner was not present. Hearing Officer 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.

The Board of Health ordered the vaccination records to be submitted by September 4, 2024, and authorized the filing of criminal charges against the animal owner if the records are not submitted by the provided deadline.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 5:07 PM.

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### Hearing

The hearing for animal owner, Todd Oberholtz, 12900 Lake Ave, Ste 1206, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore, at 5:07 PM.

The owner was not present. Hearing Officer 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.

The Board of Health ordered the vaccination records to be submitted by September 4, 2024, and authorized the filing of criminal charges against the animal owner if the records are not submitted by the provided deadline.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 5:08 PM.

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