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North Dakota celebrates Adoption Awareness Month: State sees record increase in adoptions after process redesign

BISMARCK, ND - Each November, Adoption Awareness Month is observed nationwide to increase understanding of adoption and celebrate families who open their homes to children in need. It is a time to recognize that adoption touches countless lives. Whether through private, international, or family adoption, we celebrate all who have been part of the adoption journey and honor every family formed through adoption.

This month, North Dakota Health and Human Services (HHS) is highlighting the importance of finding permanent, loving homes for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents and thanking the families who make adoption possible.

Gov. Kelly Armstrong has issued a proclamation recognizing Adoption Awareness Month in North Dakota, underscoring the state's commitment to supporting adoption.

Public agency adoptions in North Dakota have increased 33.9% from 2024 to 2025, following an adoption redesign initiative launched in February 2024 to streamline the process.

The redesign reduced paperwork, eliminated background check fees, shortened training for relative adopters and cut the average assessment time by 23 days.

Even greater progress has been seen among North Dakota's tribal partners, where adoptions of children in their custody have risen 53.2% in the past year. "Although the tribes follow the same federal mandates as the zones, the redesign has strengthened communication and collaboration between Adults Adopting Special Kids (AASK) and the tribes," said HHS Adoption Services Administrator Julie Hoffman. "That coordination is helping more children find permanent homes faster."

Today, there are no public agency adoption waitlists anywhere in the state. AASK now accepts direct referrals from both the human service zones and the tribes, building stronger partnerships statewide.

Communities across North Dakota are celebrating the month with billboards, local displays, giveaways, and red ribbons on the Capitol grounds. Local photographers are also capturing portraits of newly adopted families, and a National Adoption Day celebration will be held Nov. 22.

For more information about adoption efforts in North Dakota, visit hhs.nd.gov/cfs/adoption-

To read the story of a family in North Dakota who has fostered 40 children and adopted four, visit www.hhs.nd.gov/news/voices-impact/alexa-lajimodiere.

Reporting suspected child abuse or neglect HHS reminds individuals that if they suspect a child in North Dakota is being abused or neglected, they should call the statewide toll-free Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Line at (833) 958-3500. If it's an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

> This news release: From North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services.

> > **LEGALS**

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT

TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RELATING TO

N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 75-03-42

AUTHORIZED

ELECTRONIC MONITORING

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota

Department of Health and Human

Services will hold a public hearing

to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-03-

42 relating to authorized electronic

recording and documentation at

3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12,

2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210,

located on the second floor of the

Copies of the proposed rules

are available for review at human

service zones offices and at the

clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating

to these rules may be requested by

telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written

or oral data, views, or arguments may

be entered at the hearing or sent to:

Rules Administrator, North Dakota

Department of Health and Human

Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing,

600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325,

Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written

data, views, or arguments must be

received no later than 5:00 p.m. on

DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the

hearing and will need special facilities

or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of

Health and Human Services at the

above telephone number or address

at least two weeks prior to the

Dated this 30th day of October,

PERSONS

Monday, December 22, 2025.

ATTENTION

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Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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City Park District, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and

specifications therefore, which are now on file in the office of the KLJ Engi-

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the following estimated quantities and

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ACRE; Hydraulic Mulch, 0.16 ACRE

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Silt Fence Supported, 366 LF; Fiber

Rolls 12IN, 1514 LF; Remove Fiber

Rolls 12IN. 732 LF: Flotation Silt Cur-

tain, 315 LF; Remove Flotation Silt

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1 L SUM; Traffic Control Signs, 24

Alternative 1 (Concrete Deck)
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Concrete, 24.2 CY; Penetrating Water

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vation, 1 L SUM; Channel Excavation,

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AAE-3 Concrete, 59.2 CY; Class AE-3

Concrete, 24.2 CY; Penetrating Water

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Helical Anchor Type SS200-W/Helix;

The contract documents are on file

and may be examined at the following:

KLJ Engineering LLC

1010 4th Avenue SW

Valley City, ND 58072

Complete digital project bidding docu

ments are available at www.kljeng.com

"Projects for Bid" or www.questcdn.-com. You may download the digital

Pedestrian Bridge - Pre-Fab,

Alternative 2 (Treated Timber Deck)

W/Helix: 770 LF

L SUM; Foundation Preparation,

UNIT; Type III Barricade, 6 EA

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN **CODE CHAPTER 75-02-01.2 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-01.2 relating to definitions; diversion; transition assistance; decision and notice; monthly review; good cause eligibility; asset limits and exempt assets; income, unearned income and deductions: reinstatement benefit computation; services; payment; disqualification and sanctions; and opportunities and basic skills program for the temporary for assistance needy families program at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250 Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Dated this 30th day of October,

(November 7, 2025)

(November 7, 2025)

Notice of Real Estate Forfeited to the County for Delinquent Taxes (2022 Taxes taken in 2025) NOTE TO INTERESTED PARTIES: The previous title owners have the right to

Notice is hereby given that the following real estate has been forfeited to the County of Barnes, State of North Dakota for delinquent taxes, hat said County will offer for sale at public auction at the office of the County Auditor in said County on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Each parcel of said real estate will be offered separately and sold to the highest bidder therefore, but not for a sum less than the minimum sale price. Sales shall continue from day to day until

repurchase any property forfeited to the county under tax deed proceedings, so long as the tax title to the property remains in the county. Please contact the Barnes County Auditor's Office prior to the sale to find out if a property is still on the list at (701) 845-8500. Also, all bidders are required to certify that they do not owe any delinquent taxes in any county in the state of North Dakota. If you plan to bid on a property, please contact the Auditor's Office prior to 5 p.m. the day before the sale to review the Terms of the Sale and complete the Bidder's Oath (the bidder's signature on the

	Description	Tax Year	Previous Title Owner	EMV Land	EMV Bldg	Total EMV	Property Type	Tax	Penalty & Interest	Spec Assmnts	Advert & Costs	Total	Amount Set by Board
1	01-1920210	2022	Irvin B & Connie E Hone	22,500	144,300	166,800	Res/Comm	\$4,390.52	\$923.63	\$-	\$53.00	\$5,367.15	
	NW¼ 19-140-57 l.0Ac									Plus 2025 Estimate		\$1,766.02	
												\$7,133.17	\$7,133.17
2	01-212 0200	2022	Irvine Hone	2,800	-	2,800	Ag	\$69.30	\$14.02	\$-	\$53.00	\$136.32	
	NW¼ 21-140-57 5.0Ac									Plus 2025 Estimate		\$32.60	
												\$168.92	\$168.92
3	07-5000100	2022	Veronica Pedesky	5,200	-	5,200	Comm Vac	\$170.57	\$34.14	\$-	\$53.00	\$257.71	
	SW1/4 27 -139-57 Cuba-3.68 Ac									Plus 2025 Estimate		\$60.44	
	Lots I, 2, 3 BLK 1											\$318.15	\$318.15
4	07-5000800	2022	Veronica Pedesky	5,100	-	5,100	Comm Vac	\$167.03	\$33.43	\$-	\$53.00	\$253.46	
	Lot 4 Blk 002 - Cuba									Plus 2025 Estimate		\$59.28	
	SW1/4 27-139 -57 Cuba-3.68 Ac											\$312.74	\$312.74
	SW¼ 27-139.57 Cuba-3.79 Ac												
5		2022	Gloria A Schuldheisz	22,500	61,100	83,600	Residential	\$2,640.63	\$529.18	\$-	\$53.00	\$3,222.81	
	SW¼ SW¼ 17 -14 0-61									Plus 2025 Estimate		\$936.01	
╙	100' X 420' l.0Ac											\$4,158.82	\$4,158.82
6	09-2030310	2022	David Schuldheisz	55,500	98,200	153,700	Ag/Res	\$4,866.73	\$964.62	\$-	\$53.00	\$5,884.35	
	NW ¼ SW¼ 20-140-61									Pl us 2025 Estimate		\$1.764.54	
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7	28-3010110	2022	Robert Joos	8,000	12,000	20,000	Elevator	\$7,531.65	\$1,527.55	\$-	\$53.00	\$9,112.2 0	
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8		2022	Robert Joos	10,000	-	10,000	Elevator	\$321.96	\$64.35	\$-	\$53.00	\$439.31	
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TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE **RULES RELATING TO** N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE **CHAPTER 75-03-21** LICENSING OF FOSTER HOMES FOR ADULTS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold public hearing to address proposed amendments chapter Admin. Code

75-03-21 relating to definitions, application, facility requirements, insurance. practices. general substitute caregiver and respite care provider qualifications, and temporary assistants regarding licensing of foster homes for adults at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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(November 7, 2025)

22, 2025

SECTION 00100

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **BJORNSON GOLF COURSE** BRIDGE VALLEY CITY PARK DISTRICT VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

Sealed bids will be received by the Valley City Park District at the Gaukler Family Wellness Center, 733 8th Avenue SW, Valley City, ND 58072 , until 1:30 PM CST. December 3rd. 2025. at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill

Quest project #9947000 on the web-Project Search page. contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. All bids are to be submitted on the ba-

sis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be acpanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five per cent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the

next lowest responsible bidder. All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 430707 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.
The successful Bidder will be required

to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. A single contract be awarded for the

All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder 2.The name of the bidder

3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal. 4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda.

No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and li-censes and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The work on the improvement will be completed by October 31st. 2026.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the

bid deemed most favorable to the in-

terest of the Owner. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required heren or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of \$1,600 per day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages. Dated this 5th day of November, 2025

Valley City Park District s/Tyler Jacobson Executive Director, Valley City Park

(November 7, 14, & 21, 2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE **CHAPTER 33-07-03.2 NURSING FACILITIES**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-07-03.2 relating to the nursing facility's activity training program at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, in Bismarck N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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(November 7, 2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE **CHAPTER 75-03-39**

AUTISM SERVICES WAIVER TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-03-39 relating to the age limit for eligibility under the autism services waiver at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State

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(November 7, 2025)