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February 24, 2026

Licensee

Arlington Place Assisted Living
21 16th Avenue Southeast
Saint Joseph, MN 56374

RE: Project Number(s) SL30726016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on February 10, 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.

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

St - 0 - 1290 - 144g.60 Subdivision 1 - Background Studies Required - \$1.000.00

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, **the total amount you are assessed is \$1,500.00**. 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/Bm5uQEPhVa>. Your input is important to us and will enable MDH to improve its processes and communication with providers. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact Susan Winkelmann at susan.winkelmann@state.mn.us or call 651-201-5952.

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". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kelly Thorson, Supervisor
State Rapid Response Team
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Telephone: 320-223-7336 Fax: 1-800-337-9238

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 30726	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/10/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER ARLINGTON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 21 16TH AVENUE SE SAINT JOSEPH, MN 56374		
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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: SL30726016 On February 9, 2026, through February 10, 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 19 residents; 19 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.		
0 480 SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1a (a-b) Minimum requirements; required food services (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), food	0 480			

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 480	Continued From page 1 must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 4626. (b) For an assisted living facility with a licensed capacity of ten or fewer residents: (1) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0033, item A, the facility may share a certified food protection manager (CFPM) with one other facility located within a 60-mile radius and under common management provided the CFPM is present at each facility frequently enough to effectively administer, manage, and supervise each facility's food service operation; (2) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0545, item A, kick plates that are not removable or cannot be rotated open are allowed unless the facility has been issued repeated correction orders for violations of Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1565 or 4626.1570; (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0685, item A, the facility is not required to provide integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate soiled and clean items that may accumulate during hours of operation provided soiled items do not contaminate clean items, surfaces, or food, and clean equipment and dishes are air dried in a manner that prevents contamination before storage; (4) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1070, item A, the facility is not required to install a dedicated handwashing sink in its existing kitchen provided it designates one well of a two-compartment sink for use only as a handwashing sink; (5) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, and 4626.1360, item A, existing floor, wall, and ceiling finishes are allowed provided the facility keeps them clean	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 2 and in good condition; (6) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1375, shielded or shatter-resistant lightbulbs are not required, but if a light bulb breaks, the facility must discard all exposed food and fully clean all equipment, dishes, and surfaces to remove any glass particles; and (7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure food was prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code. 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 is 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, Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report (FBEIR) dated February 9, 2026, for the specific Minnesota Food Code violations. The Inspection Report was provided to the licensee within 24 hours of the inspection. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Please refer	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 3 to the FBEIR for any compliance dates.	0 480			
0 775 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2. (a) Fire protection and physical environment Each assisted living facility must comply with the 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 February 10, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: SEVEN (7) days	0 775			

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0 800	Continued From page 4	0 800			
0 800 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (4) Fire protection and physical environment (4) keep the physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds, systems, and equipment in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance with a maintenance and repair program. 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 February 10, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G.	0 800			

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	TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: SEVEN (7) days				
0 810 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (b-f) Fire protection and physical environment (b) Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans. The plans shall include but are not limited to: (1) location and number of resident sleeping rooms; (2) staff actions to be taken in the event of a fire or similar emergency; (3) fire protection procedures necessary for residents; and (4) procedures for resident movement, evacuation, or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. (c) Staff of assisted living facilities shall receive training on the fire safety and evacuation plans upon hiring and at least twice per year thereafter. (d) Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be readily available at all times within the facility. (e) Residents who are capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained on the proper actions to take in the event of a fire to include movement, evacuation, or relocation. The training shall be made available to residents at least once per year. (f) Evacuation drills are required for staff twice per year per shift with at least one evacuation drill every other month. Evacuation of the residents is not required. Fire alarm system activation is not required to initiate the evacuation drill.	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 6 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 February 10, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: SEVEN (7) days	0 810			
01290 SS=I	144G.60 Subdivision 1 Background studies required (a) Employees, contractors, and regularly scheduled volunteers of the facility are subject to the background study required by section 144.057 and may be disqualified under chapter 245C. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the facility from requiring	01290			

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01290	Continued From page 7 self-disclosure of criminal conviction information. (b) Data collected under this subdivision shall be classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. (c) Termination of a staff member in good faith reliance on information or records obtained under this section regarding a confirmed conviction does not subject the assisted living facility to civil liability or liability for unemployment benefits. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure a background study was submitted and completed for the current health facility identification (HFID) number for one of one employee (unlicensed personnel (ULP-F) on the facility provided employee roster. This practice resulted in a level three violation (a violation that harmed a resident's health or safety, not including serious injury, impairment, or death, or a violation that has the potential to lead to 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 potential to affect a large portion or all the residents). This resulted in an immediate correction order issued on February 10, 2026. The findings include: On February 9, 2026, at 12:15 p.m., the surveyor reviewed the facility's NETStudy 2.0 roster and compared it to the facility's staff roster and discovered one of the facility's employees was not listed as having a background study	01290			

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01290	Continued From page 8 submitted with the licensee's HFID 30726. ULP-F began employment on April 1, 2024, and worked in the dietary department. ULP-F worked in the kitchen without direct supervision on February 2, 2026. A background study had not been completed for ULP-F. On February 9, 2026, at 1:45 p.m., assisted living director in residence (ALDIR)-A stated they do not know how that one employee was taken off the NETStudy roster, it was a mistake on their part. ALDIR-A further stated they have the roster from when she was hired and the clearance letter but did not realize she was not on the current roster. The licensee's Background Studies policy dated December 20, 2024, indicated [the facility] will conduct a Minnesota Department of Human Services background study on all employees and volunteers. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: IMMEDIATE	01290			



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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

ARLINGTON PLACE ASSISTED LVG
21 16TH AVENUE SE
St. Joseph, MN 56374
Stearns County
Parcel:

Phone:

License Info

License: HFID 30726

Risk:
License:
Expires on:
CFPM: Julie Raw Engelkens
CFPM #: 55561; Exp: 11/20/2027

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1046261037
Inspection Type: Full - Single
Date: 2/9/2026 Time: 11:00:51 AM
Duration: minutes
Announced Inspection:
Total Priority 1 Orders: 0
Total Priority 2 Orders: 0
Total Priority 3 Orders: 3
Delivery:

New Order: 4-500 Equipment Maintenance and Operation

4-501.11AB *Priority Level: Priority 3 CFP#: 47*

MN Rule 4626.0735AB All equipment and components must be in good repair and maintained and adjusted in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

COMMENT: GASKET ON THE UPRIGHT COOLER IS STARTING TO BREAK. REPAIR/REPLACE GASKET ON THE UPRIGHT COOLER.

Comply By: 3/9/2026 Originally Issued On: 2/9/2026

New Order: 4-900 Protecting Clean Items

4-903.11B *Priority Level: Priority 3 CFP#: 44*

MN Rule 4626.0955B Store all clean equipment and utensils in a self-draining position that permits air drying and covered and inverted.

COMMENT: OBSERVED LIQUID IN BETWEEN STACKED CUPS IN THE CABINET AND ON THE COUNTER. ALLOW UTENSILS TO FULLY AIR DRY BEFORE STACKING.

Comply By: 2/9/2026 Originally Issued On: 2/9/2026

New Order: 6-200 Physical Facility Design and Construction

6-202.11A *Priority Level: Priority 3 CFP#: 56*

MN Rule 4626.1375A Provide effective shielding, coated or shatter-resistant light bulbs for all light fixtures where there is exposed food, clean equipment, utensils and linens, or unwrapped single-service or single-use articles.

COMMENT: LIGHTS IN THE KITCHEN DID NOT HAVE A SHIELD. PROVIDE A SHIELD FOR THE LIGHTS IN THE KITCHEN BY THE UPRIGHT COOLER.

Comply By: 3/9/2026 Originally Issued On: 2/9/2026

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 F1046261037 from 2/9/2026

Establishment Representative


Nicole Larrison,
Public Health Sanitarian 1

320-640-3534
nicole.larrison@state.mn.us



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St Cloud, MN 56301

Temperature Observations/Recordings

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ARLINGTON PLACE ASSISTED LVG
St. Joseph
County/Group: Stearns County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1046261037
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 2/9/2026
Time: 11:00:51 AM

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

Location: Upright Cooler at 41 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

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

Location: Upright Cooler at 41 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No



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Sanitizer Observations/Recordings

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St. Joseph
County/Group: Stearns County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1046261037
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 2/9/2026
Time: 11:00:51 AM

Sanitizing Equipment: Product: Hot Water; **Sanitizing Process:** Dish Machine

Location: Dishwashing Area **Equal To** 164.3 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

Sanitizing Chemical: Product: Quaternary Ammonia; **Sanitizing Process:** Spray Bottle

Location: Kitchen **Equal To** 400 PPM

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

Minnesota (MDH) Version EH Manager; RPT: F1046261037		Food Establishment Inspection Report		Page 1 of 1	
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		No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention/Violations			Time: 11:00:51 AM
		Score (optional)			Dur: min
Establishment: ARLINGTON PLACE ASSISTED LVG		Address: 21 16TH AVENUE SE		City/State: St. Joseph, MN	Zip: 56374
License/Permit #: HFID 30726		Permit Holder:		Purpose of Inspection: Full	Est. Type: Risk Category:
FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS					
Designated compliance status (IN, OUT, N/O, N/A) for each numbered item					
IN=in compliance OUT=not in compliance N/O=not observed N/A=not applicable					
Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R					
COS=corrected on-site during inspection R=repeat violation					
Compliance Status				COS	R
Supervision					
1	IN	Person in charge present, demonstrate knowledge and performs duties			
2	IN	Certified Food Protection Manager			
Employee Health					
3	IN	knowledge, responsibilities, and reporting			
4	IN	Proper use of restriction and exclusion			
5	IN	Response to vomiting, diarrheal events			
Good Hygienic Practices					
6	IN	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use			
7	IN	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth			
Preventing Contamination by Hands					
8	IN	Hands clean and properly washed			
9	IN	No bare hand contact with RTE foods, alternatives			
10	IN	Adequate handwashing sinks supplied and access			
Approved Source					
11	IN	Food obtained from approved source			
12	N/O	Food Received at proper temperature			
13	IN	Food in good condition, safe & unadulterated			
14	N/A	Records available: shellstock tags, parasite dest.			
Protection From Contamination					
15	IN	Food separated and protected			
16	IN	Food-contact surfaces; cleaned & sanitized			
17	IN	Proper Disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, & unsafe food			
Time/Temperature Control for Safety					
18	N/O	Proper cooking time & temperatures			
19	N/O	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding			
20	N/O	Proper cooling time and temperature			
21	N/O	Proper hot holding temperatures			
22	IN	Proper cold holding temperatures			
23	IN	Proper date marking & disposition			
24	N/A	Time as public health control; procedures & record			
Consumer Advisory					
25	N/A	Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods			
Highly Susceptible Populations					
26	N/A	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered			
Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances					
27	N/A	Food additives; approved & properly used			
28	N/A	Toxic substances properly identified; stored; used			
Conformance with Approved Procedures					
29	N/A	Compliance with variance, specialized processes & HACCP plan			
Risk factors are improper practices or procedures identified as the most prevalent contributing factors of foodborne illness or injury. Public Health interventions are control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury					
GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES					
Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.					
Mark "X" or OUT in box if numbered item is not in compliance Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R COS=corrected on-site during inspection R=repeat violation					
Compliance Status				COS	R
Safe Food and Water					
30	N/A	Pasteurized eggs used where required			
31		Water & ice from approved source			
32	N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods			
Food Temperature Control					
33		Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control			
34	N/O	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding			
35	N/O	Approved thawing methods used			
36		Thermometers provided & accurate			
Food Identification					
37		Food properly labeled; original container			
Prevention of Food Contamination					
38		Insects, rodents, & animals not present; no unauthorized person			
39		Contamination prevented during food prep, storage, & display			
40		Personal cleanliness			
41		Wiping cloths: properly used & stored			
42		Washing fruits & vegetables			
Proper Use of Utensils					
43		In-use utensils; Properly stored			
44	X	Utensils, equipment & linens; properly stored, dried, handled			
45		Single-use & single-service articles, properly stored and used			
46		Gloves used properly			
Utensils, Equipment and Vending					
47	X	Food & non-food contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, & used			
48		Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, used; test strips			
49		Non-food contact surfaces clean			
Physical Facilities					
50		Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure			
51		Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices			
52		Sewage & waste water properly disposed			
53		Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied & cleaned			
54		Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained			
55		Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean			
56	X	Adequate ventilation & lighting; designated areas used			
57		Compliance with MCIAA			
58		Compliance with licensing and plan review			
Person in Charge (signature)			Follow-up: Follow-up Date:		
Inspector (signature)					

Physical Environment Inspection Report

ENGINEERING | ASSISTED LIVING

Project No: SL30726016	Date: 2/10/2026
Facility Name: Arlington Place Assisted Living	
Facility Address: 21 16 th Ave. S.E. Street St. Joseph, MN 56374	

☒ TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0775

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; WidespreadTIME 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. The means of egress shall be maintained free of obstructions or impediments to full instant use in case of fire or other emergency. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1031.2]

Comments: The emergency exit door in the northwest corner of the building, did not have the snow removed so that there was a clear pathway leading to a public way.

3. Water-based automatic sprinkler systems shall be inspected and tested annually. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 901.6.1]

Comments: The annual fire sprinkler system(s) report done on September 30, 2025, listed deficiencies with the systems. One deficiency was flushing the pipes, and the other was for checking the gauges.

4. Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars or other burning objects shall not be discarded in such a manner that could cause ignition of other combustible material. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 310.7]

Comments: There was a designated smoking area with a cigarette butt receptacle provided in front of the building, but there was evidence of smoking in the garage and by the garage side door due to cigarette ashes and butts lying on the ground.

5. Multiplug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with NFPA 70 shall be prohibited. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 604.4]

Comments: Some of the residents were using power adapters that did not have UL listings.

6. In buildings that contain a fuel-burning appliance or fireplace, or attached private garage, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in dwelling units within ten feet of bedrooms. Where a fuel burning appliance is located in a bedroom or its attached bathroom, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed within the bedroom. Carbon monoxide detection can be provided by carbon monoxide alarms installed in dwelling or sleeping units or a carbon monoxide detection system installed in the room or space that contains the fuel-burning appliance. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 915]

Comments: There was a carbon monoxide alarm with a local alarm provided in the furnace and hot water heater room but there were no carbon monoxide alarms observed within 10 feet of the sleeping rooms.

7. Fire doors shall be maintained to be self-closing and latch as designed. Fire doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 705]

Comments: Labeled fire doors in the following locations, resident rooms 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20, beauty shop, tub and laundry room, were propped open with kickstands that were installed on the bottom of the doors.

8. The means of egress shall be maintained free of obstructions or impediments to full instant use in case of fire or other emergency. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1031.2]

Comments: The door to the garage was marked as a primary exit route. The garage is an area of higher hazard and should not be utilized as a primary egress route due to increased fire risk. The emergency exit doors were identified with overhead exit signs and are included in the facility's evacuation plan. There were existing gates installed on resident rooms 9 and 19 room doors. They were not latched at the time of the survey.

9. Gates used as a component in a means of egress shall meet the same requirements for doors. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1010.1.9.8.1]

Comments: A marked emergency exit door exited into a courtyard that was fenced with a paddle locked gate.

☒ **TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0800**

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Widespread

TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Twenty One (21) days

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1. The physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds, systems, and equipment are in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance with a maintenance and repair program. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: Resident room 7 had a hole in the bathroom door and the closet door would not open or close. Resident room 8 had a closet door that would not open or close.

☒ **TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0810**

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Widespread

TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Twenty One (21) days

1. Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans that include employee actions to be taken in the event of a fire or similar emergency. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: The licensee failed to develop the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP) with site specific employee actions to take in the event of a fire or similar emergency relative to the facility's building layout and environmental risks. The FSEP inaccurately referenced smoke compartments and fire doors but this facility was not equipped with those features.

2. Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans that include fire protection procedures necessary for residents. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: The licensee failed to develop the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP) with site specific resident actions to take in the event of a fire or similar emergency relative to the facility's building layout and environmental risks. The FSEP inaccurately referenced smoke compartments and fire doors, but this facility was not equipped with those features.

3. Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans that include procedures for resident movement, evacuation, or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: The licensee failed to develop the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP) with no unique or unusual needs for movement or evacuation for residents to take in the event of a fire or similar emergency.