

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:  
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### **NDDoH Cancels Public Hearings on Proposed Cottage Food Laws**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has closed the public comment period and cancelled three hearings inviting comment on proposed cottage food laws. The cancelled public hearings were scheduled to take place March 22, 2018 from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. at the North Dakota Department of Health in Bismarck; March 22, 2018 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at Southwestern District Health Unit in Dickinson; and March 23, 2018 from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Fargo Cass Public Health in Fargo.

"Thank you to the public for the feedback we have received on the proposed administrative rules," said State Health Officer Mylynn Tuft. "The Department of Health will be working with key legislators and other stakeholders to work through the details on health and safety investigations."

The ND Cottage Foods Act is new legislation that allows for the direct sale of uninspected homemade products. This provides new opportunities for home-based food businesses making homemade products such as baked goods, jams, jellies, and pickles, to enter certain markets in North Dakota.

For more information on food safety, visit [www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging](http://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging).

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February 15, 2018

Vonette J. Richter  
Code Revisor  
North Dakota Legislative Council  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Dear Ms. Richter:

The Notice of Intent to Adopt Administrative Rules and a copy of the proposed amendments are enclosed as required by N.D.C.C. subsection 28-32-10(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mylynn K. Tufte".

Mylynn K. Tufte, MBA, MSIM, BSN  
State Health Officer

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Enc.

cc: Darleen Bartz  
Julie Wagendorf

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

**TAKE NOTICE** that the North Dakota Department of Health will hold three public hearings to address proposed new rules to N.D. Administrative Code chapter 33-33-10 at the following:

March 22, 2018 (9 am to 11 am CST)  
ND Dept. of Health  
J-wing Room 212  
600 E. Blvd. Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

March 22, 2018 (1 pm – 3 pm MST)  
Southwestern District Health Unit  
Training Room  
227 - 16th Street West  
Dickinson, ND 58601

March 23, 2018 (10:00 am to 12:00 pm CST)  
Fargo Cass Public Health  
Oak Room  
1240 - 25th Street South  
Fargo, ND 58103-2367

The purpose of the proposed rules concern preparation of cottage food products for sale. The rules will not impact the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the Division of Food & Lodging, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing the above address or calling 701-328-1291. Written or oral comments on the proposed rules sent to the above address or phone number and received by April 4, 2018 will be fully considered.

If you plan to attend a public hearing and will need specific facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Health Department at the above phone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

  
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Mylynn K. Tufte, State Health Officer  
North Dakota Department of Health