Alberta Health Services

Environmental Public Health

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
ORDER TO VACATE
ON OR BEFORE November 15, 2026

To: Colin Alexander Kerr
Nora Elizabeth Kerr
"the Owners"

And To: All Occupant(s) of the following Housing premises:

RE: Those housing premises located in County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, Alberta and municipally described as: 473068A Range Road 243A – Trailer, Plan 8922158, Lot 2

I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services,** have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the **Public Health Act**, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

By virtue of the violations noted below, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Unfit for Human Habitation**.

I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That all occupants vacate the above noted premises.

2. That the Owner(s) ensure all Occupants vacate the above noted premises on or before November 15, 2026.

3. That the Owner(s) immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:

    a. Ensure all electrical outlets and light switches are fitted with appropriate cover plates and switch plates, maintained in good repair, and installed in a manner that does not present a safety hazard to occupants.
    b. Repair or replace all damaged flooring throughout the trailer, including the washroom, kitchen, entrance, and main bedroom, to ensure surfaces are maintained in good repair and are smooth, durable, and easily cleanable.
    c. Repair the damaged washroom subfloor and hole in the flooring. Repair or replace damaged wall finishes in the washroom so that walls are maintained in a condition that is smooth, durable, and easy to clean. Repair or replace the damaged ceiling and maintain it in good repair.
    d. The kitchen sink is not supplied with an adequate volume or pressure of potable water. The two-compartment stainless steel sink faucet is not properly secured. Complete the necessary repairs to both deficiencies to ensure an adequate potable water supply is provided, and the faucet is secured and maintained in good repair.

e. Repair or replace the damaged kitchen cupboards to ensure they are structurally sound, properly secured, and maintained in good repair.
f. Hire the services of a qualified plumbing contractor to restore the toilet to proper working order. In addition, arrange for professional cleaning and remediation of the affected area by a contractor experienced in biohazard cleaning to ensure the premises are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
g. Remove unnecessary items, clean and organize the property, and maintain it in a manner that prevents the development of nuisance conditions and the harborage of pests.
h. Obtain the services of a licensed pest control professional to assess and treat the premises for rodent activity. In addition, thoroughly clean and sanitize all affected surfaces, utensils, and food contact items to maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition.
i. Ensure that smoke alarms are installed in locations between rooms designated for sleeping and the remainder of the dwelling.
j. Complete the necessary repairs to ensure an adequate potable water supply is provided throughout the premises.
k. Complete the necessary repairs to restore a weatherproof condition and prevent the entry of animals and pests.
l. Replace the damaged windowpanes and maintain it in good repair to ensure a weatherproof condition.

4. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain vacant and secure from unauthorized entry.

These required actions are necessary given the presence of the following conditions identified during inspection which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, in contravention of the Public Health Act, namely:

a. Multiple electrical outlets and light switches throughout the rental dwelling are missing outlet covers and switch plates.
b. Flooring throughout the trailer was observed to be in poor condition, with significant deterioration and separation of wood laminate and linoleum flooring materials. Areas of concern include the washroom, kitchen, entrance, and main bedroom.
c. The washroom floor was observed to be damaged and rotted, with a large hole present in the subfloor. The washroom flooring is not maintained in a smooth, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable condition. In addition, the washroom walls are not maintained in good repair and are not smooth or readily cleanable. The ceiling in the main bedroom was observed to be in disrepair.
d. The kitchen sink is not supplied with an adequate volume or pressure of potable water. The two-compartment stainless steel sink faucet is not properly secured.
e. The kitchen cupboards were observed to be in a state of disrepair and were not securely maintained in their intended position.
f. An accumulation of human feces was observed in the toilet bowl at the time of inspection. The washroom flush toilet is not functional and is unable to transfer waste from the toilet bowl to the sewage disposal system.

g. Observed garbage bags, old furniture, a camping stove, an ice cooler, plastic bins, plastic water jugs, and various pots and pans stored around the trailer.
h. Evidence of fresh mouse droppings was observed under the kitchen sink and on dirty utensils throughout the kitchen.
i. The smoke alarm in the hallway is missing. At the time of inspection, no smoke alarms were observed between the bedrooms and the remainder of the dwelling.
j. There was no water supply of sufficient volume, pressure, and temperature.
k. The exterior cladding on the lower right-hand side of the trailer is damaged, and the space beneath the trailer is no longer weatherproof, allowing for the potential entry of animals.
l. Broken exterior windowpanes were observed.

These observed public health nuisance conditions identified during inspection are violations of the Housing Regulation, Alberta Regulation 173/99, and the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, namely:

a. Multiple electrical outlets and light switches throughout the rental dwelling are missing outlet covers and switch plates. This contravenes section 11 of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that: “Outlets, switches and fixtures shall be properly installed and shall be maintained in a good and safe working condition.”

b. Flooring throughout the trailer was observed to be in poor condition, with significant deterioration and separation of wood laminate and linoleum flooring materials. Areas of concern include the washroom, kitchen, entrance, and main bedroom. This contravenes sections 5 & 5(b) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which state that: “All floors, and floor coverings shall be maintained in good repair, free of cracks, holes, loose or lifting coverings and in a condition that renders it easy to clean.”

c. The washroom floor was observed to be damaged and rotted, with a large hole present in the subfloor. The washroom flooring is not maintained in a smooth, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable condition. In addition, the washroom walls are not maintained in good repair and are not smooth or readily cleanable. The ceiling in the main bedroom was observed to be in disrepair. This is in contravention of section 5(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states: “All walls, windows, ceilings, floors, and floor coverings shall be maintained in good repair, free of cracks, holes, loose or lifting coverings and in a condition that renders it easy to clean. (a) Rooms containing a flush toilet and/or a bathtub or shower shall have walls and floors that are smooth, non-absorbent to moisture and easy to clean. All walls shall form a watertight joint with each other, the floor, the ceiling and where applicable with the bathtub or shower.”

d. The kitchen sink is not supplied with an adequate volume or pressure of potable water. The two-compartment stainless steel sink faucet is not properly secured. This contravenes section 14(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that: “Every housing premises shall be provided with a food preparation area, which includes a kitchen sink that is supplied with potable hot and cold running water and suitable sized to allow preparation of food, washing utensils and other cleaning operation.”

e. The kitchen cupboards were observed to be in a state of disrepair and were not securely maintained in their intended position. This contravenes section 14(2) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that: “Every housing premises shall be provided with a food preparation area, which includes cupboards or other facilities suitable for storage of food.”

f. An accumulation of human feces was observed in the toilet bowl at the time of inspection. The washroom flush toilet is not functional and is unable to transfer waste from the toilet bowl to the sewage disposal system. This is in contravention of section 5(2) of the Housing Regulation which states that: “No person shall cause or permit any condition in housing premises that is or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health, including any condition that may hinder in any way the prevention or suppression of disease.”

g. Observed garbage bags, old furniture, a camping stove, an ice cooler, plastic bins, plastic water jugs, and various pots and pans stored around the trailer. This is in contravention of section 5(2) of the Housing Regulation which states that: “No person shall cause or permit any condition in housing premises that is or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health, including any condition that may hinder in any way the prevention or suppression of disease.”

h. Evidence of fresh mouse droppings was observed under the kitchen sink and on dirty utensils throughout the kitchen. This is in contravention with the Minimum Housing and Health Standards section 16(a), which states: “The owner shall ensure that the housing premises are free of insect and rodent infestations.”

i. The smoke alarm in the hallway is missing. At the time of inspection, no smoke alarms were observed between the bedrooms and the remainder of the dwelling. This is in contravention with the Minimum Housing and Health Standards section 12, which states: “Smoke alarms within dwellings shall be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the suite and, where hallways serve the sleeping areas; the smoke alarms shall be installed within the hallway.”

j. There was no water supply of sufficient volume, pressure, and temperature. This is in contravention with the Minimum Housing and Health Standards section 9, which states: “Every building used in whole or in part, as housing premises must be supplied with a potable water supply of sufficient volume.”

k. The exterior cladding on the lower right-hand side of the trailer is damaged, and the space beneath the trailer is no longer weatherproof, allowing for the potential entry of animals. This contravenes section 2(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that: “The roof and exterior cladding of walls shall be maintained in a waterproof, windproof and weatherproof condition.”

l. Broken exterior windowpanes were observed. This is in contravention with the Minimum Housing and Health Standards section 2(b)(i), which states: “All windows and exterior doors shall be; maintained in good repair, free of cracks and weatherproof.”

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, November 2, 2026.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Colin Kerr on October 29, 2026.

Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

If you have any questions regarding the order, contact Environmental Public Health at 1-833-476-4743 or https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/eph.aspx

You have the right to appeal

A person who is directly affected by a decision may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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