

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF STEARNS, STATE OF MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION 2017-06**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS POLICY

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 365.10, Subd. 17 provides in pertinent part that the Lynden Township Board (“Township”, “Board”) has the authority to promote the health, safety, order, convenience, and the general welfare of the township; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute (“M.S.”) § 366.12, (6) & (7) further provides in pertinent part that the Lynden Township Board may regulate uses of buildings and lands via ordinances among other powers and duties and provide for enforcement of such ordinances; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lynden Township adopts the following policy regarding Complaint Investigations:

1. Complaints involving alleged criminal violations of Minnesota or federal rules and statutes are not the responsibility of Lynden Township to investigate and are the responsibility of the Stearns County Sheriff to investigate.
2. It shall be the policy of Lynden Township to attempt to substantiate the validity of all other complaints.
3. Those complaints made in person, or using writing, electronic, or voicemail, in which the identity and contact information of the person making the complaint can be established to provide further information on the complaint, shall be considered a prima facie valid complaint, meriting further review as time and resources allow.
4. Anonymous complaints, in which the identity and contact information of the person making the complaint cannot be established to provide further information on the complaint, shall be considered suspect at best and may be investigated at the discretion of the Township.
5. Complaints alleging conditions creating imminent threat of great bodily harm or death to residents or the public shall be substantiated as is reasonably practical, being referred to Chief Building Official of the Township or the Stearns County Sheriff as applicable.
6. The identities of individuals who register complaints with the township concerning violations of state laws or local ordinances concerning the use of real property are classified as confidential data, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.02, Subd. 3, or its successor statutes.

Adopted by Lynden Township this 11th day of September, 2017.



Town Board Chair, Anne Ackerman



Clerk, Jenny Schmidt

