

**CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *October 2024*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
Ongoing 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center / Health Clinic	Construction of the New Building / Facility in the Lincoln King Neighbor	The “Shovel In The Ground” ceremony was well attended with presentations from the Governor, Mayor, and representatives of the community. It is anticipated the building will be completed with occupancy in late 2026.
Ongoing 2024	Plan Development	PHD’s Health Improvement Plan	Per State statute, every five years, the PHD’s Health Improvement Plan is to be revised and 2023 marks the end of another five-year cycle. The third draft is being revised.
Ongoing 2024	City Administration	Request For Consolidation Proposals	City of Racine and Racine County representatives reviewed and scored responses to the consolidation request. No current update.
Ongoing 2024	City Administration	The City’s 2025 Budget	The Public Health Department submitted all required documents. Council meetings have been ongoing with 2025 Budget adoption on November 14, 2024.
Ongoing 2024	Revisions	Dangerous / Prohibited Animals Ordinance	The Common Council heard comments/concerns from City PD and PHD on the proposed ordinance revisions. They voted 7 to 6 to approve all revisions against Departments recommendations. The Mayor vetoed the alternations maintaining four revisions recommended by City PD/PHD/ and WHS. Unfortunately, the Council overrode the Mayor’s veto and the ordinance provides less oversight for animals which bite/engage in menacing fashions.
September 2024	140 Review	Completion of the State Five Year Audit	State of Wisconsin representatives interfaced with the Public Health Administrator and Deputy Administrator on the clarification of processes, programming, staffing, capabilities, etc. of the City Public Health Department and confirmation of its Level III status. Interactions were excellent with written results expected within the next several weeks.