

**471A.08 HEARING.**

Subdivision 1. **Public hearing required.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, a municipality shall, before entering into a service contract under sections 471A.01 to 471A.12, conduct a public hearing on the proposal to provide specified capital intensive public services under sections 471A.01 to 471A.12. The hearing may be conducted either before or after the date on which any request for proposals is made under section 471A.03, subdivision 3, clause (2). A notice of the hearing shall be published in the local official newspaper of the municipality no less than 15 and no more than 45 days prior to the date set for hearing and shall describe the general nature of the proposal. Any written information developed for the proposal prior to the hearing shall be available to the public for inspection prior to the hearing. The hearing on the proposal shall be sufficient even though the site of the related facilities, the name of the private vendor, and the specific structure of the contractual arrangements with the private vendor are not known at the time of the hearing.

Subd. 2. **Existing contracts.** A municipality that entered into a service contract prior to March 26, 1986 may exercise any of the powers authorized by those sections without complying with subdivision 1.

**History:** 1986 c 465 art 4 s 9