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### **CARVER COUNTY COMES TO AGREEMENT WITH SCREAM TOWN**

CHASKA, MINN. — Carver County Administrator David Hemze, County Attorney Mark Metz and County Sheriff Jim Olson announced they have reached an agreement with Matt Dunn, owner and operator of Scream Town, allowing Scream Town to continue its operations through this season.

The agreement requires Scream Town to hire its own private onsite security. Statements posted to social media by Dunn earlier this week “put our Sheriff’s Office in a tenuous situation that breached our contract which prohibits discriminatory conduct,” Hemze said. The Sheriff’s Office contract with Scream Town remains voided, but County officials worked with Dunn and his representation to keep the business open through this season. The agreement ends the stop work order, allowing Scream Town to open this weekend and through November 3 as scheduled.

The Carver County Sheriff’s Office will continue to provide routine 911 response and patrol, in its regular course of business, to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Hemze stated “Carver County does not tolerate discrimination from its employees or any businesses we work with, but we also understand that citizens want their government to be reasonable in their enforcement actions and this agreement allows for that.”

“I’m pleased to see Carver County stand up for the fairness and equity principles that we hold at the highest level, but also be sensible and not heavy-handed in its support of employees and businesses within the County,” County Board chair Gayle Degler said.

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