

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC
AND LONG RANGE PLANNING
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR |) | <u>NOTICE OF</u> |
| THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND |) | <u>HEARING CANCELLATION</u> |
| TO THE CITY OF MORA PURSUANT |) | <u>AND</u> |
| TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 |) | <u>ORDER TO DISMISS</u> |

WHEREAS, a resolution requesting the annexation of certain property to the City of Mora was filed with the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning (hereinafter referred to as "Minnesota Planning") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.031, Subd. 1(a) on October 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1999, the Director of Minnesota Planning, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subd. 16, ordered the City of Mora and the Town of Arthur to meet up to three times over a period of sixty days to address resolution of issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statutory requirements a hearing was convened on the petition on November 29, 1999, after due and appropriate legal notice, and was continued to an indefinite date to allow the parties time to complete the directed meetings; and

WHEREAS, in December, the parties' requested additional time to meet at least one more time in order to comply with Minnesota Planning's order under M.S. 414.01, subd. 16; and

WHEREAS, in March, the Director of Minnesota Planning offered the parties several options for mediation when they reported that they were unable to resolve their differences following their local discussion period; and

WHEREAS, the parties elected to select a mediator of their own and chose Andrew Hultgren to conduct their mediation; and

WHEREAS, the parties began their mediation in April of 2000, and reported a tentative agreement by August 2000; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2000, the Executive Director of Municipal Boundary Adjustments (hereinafter "MBA") at Minnesota Planning received an Orderly Annexation Agreement between the City of Mora and the Town of Arthur representing settlement of their underlying dispute; and

WHEREAS, the Orderly Annexation Agreement designates certain land for annexation in the future subsequent to the occurrence of certain events and the satisfaction of conditions specified in the Agreement by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mora requests that its petition for annexation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.031 Subd. 1(a) be withdrawn; that the continued hearing be canceled pursuant to the terms of the Orderly Annexation Agreement executed as between the parties, and that the file MBA Docket A-6170 Mora be closed; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2000, the Director of Minnesota Planning granted petitioner City of Mora's request to withdraw its petition and canceled the continued hearing;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the petition for annexation of certain property to the City of Mora described as:

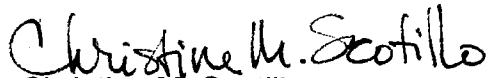
All that part of Section 23 in Township 39 North, Range 24 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Kanabec County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the existing City of Mora corporate limits line.

is withdrawn, the continued hearing in this matter is canceled, and the file is closed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is October 16, 2000.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2000.

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