

August 6, 2001

Michael J. Weber
Alexandria City Planner
Alexandria City Hall
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P. O. Box 369
Alexandria, MN 56308

Re: Ordinance No. 469, 2nd Series

Dear Mr. Weber:

I am returning your letter dated July 24, 2001 and Ordinance No. 469, 2nd Series (Amending Ordinance No. 433). These documents cannot be accepted for MBA Docket No. A-6198 which was closed on April 24, 2001. My letter dated May 4, 2001, summarizes events leading to the Director's decision to close the file.

If the petitioners from MBA Docket No. A-6198 wish to pursue annexation, they must submit a new petition; a new certification filed on the township, a map, and another filing fee.

The issues raised by the staleness of this file and the concerns stated in your letter of June 6, 2001, were forwarded to the special assistant attorney general assigned to this program area. After reviewing the matter with legal counsel, we were advised that management of the files is a matter of administrative discretion and that the Director's action was consistent with the broad authority in Chapter 414 of the Minnesota Statutes.

I apologize to the City for not responding in a more timely matter since my brief email of June 13, 2001. The week your letter arrived began the efforts towards a potential shutdown of state government. For Municipal Boundary Adjustments, that meant processing 50 files in thirteen days.

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Due to the heavy volume of work this office handles, our procedures are designed to insure that all files are processed in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning

Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments

CMS:sjh

Enclosure

cc: Jim Taddei, City Administrator
Gregg A. Raisanen, Alexandria Township Clerk