CITY OF LITCHFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 719

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AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LITCHFIELD TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY (7.27 ACRES)

OWNED BY MARKETPLACE DEVELOPMENT, LLC; AND ABUTTING UPON THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LITCHFIELD IN DARWIN TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414.033, SUBD. 2(3)

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be annexed to the City of Litchfield, Minnesota, was duly presented to this Council on the 19th day of March, 2007, and

WHEREAS, said petition was signed by all owners of the property, and

WHEREAS, said property is unincorporated and abuts the City of Litchfield on its easterly boundary, and

WHEREAS, said property constitutes 7.27 acres and is unplatted, and

WHEREAS, said property is not presently served by public sewer and water facilities or public sewer and water facilities are not otherwise available, and

WHEREAS, said property is currently being used for agricultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, to facilitate said development, the property owner will be extending City services to said property, and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Petition was served upon those parties specified in Minnesota Statutes 414.033, subd. 2b giving them 30 days notice by certified mail of the Public Hearing, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing, duly noticed, was held on the Petition for Annexation on May 7, 2007, and

WHEREAS, provisions of Minn. Statute 414.033, subd. 13 are not applicable in that there will be no change in the electric utility service provider resulting from the annexation of the territory to the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LITCHFIELD DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby determines that the property described above is or is about to become urban in nature in that said property is being developed for commercial/industrial purposes which need or will need city services, including public sewer and water facilities, and that none of property is now included within the limits of any city.

The City Council further finds said land abuts the city of Litchfield and being 60.00 acres or less in area, not presently served by public sewer and water facilities or public sewer and water facilities are not otherwise available, and the City has received a petition for annexation from the property owner of the land.

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The described property identified herein consists of a total of 7.27 acres, more or less. Copies of the corporate boundary map showing the property to be annexed and its relationship to the corporate boundaries and an appropriate plat map are attached hereto.

- 3. <u>Population</u>. There are presently no people residing on the above described land.
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- 5. <u>Filing</u>. The Assistant City Administrator is directed to file certified copies of this ordinance with the Secretary of State, the County Auditor of the county in which the property is located, the Town Clerk of the affected township and the Minnesota Planning.

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6. <u>Effective date of annexation</u>. This ordinance takes effect upon its passage and Publication and the filing of certified copies as directed in paragraph 5 and approved by the Department of Administration Municipal Boundary Adjustments.

Passed and Adopted by the City Council of Litchfield, Minnesota this 21st day of May, 2007.

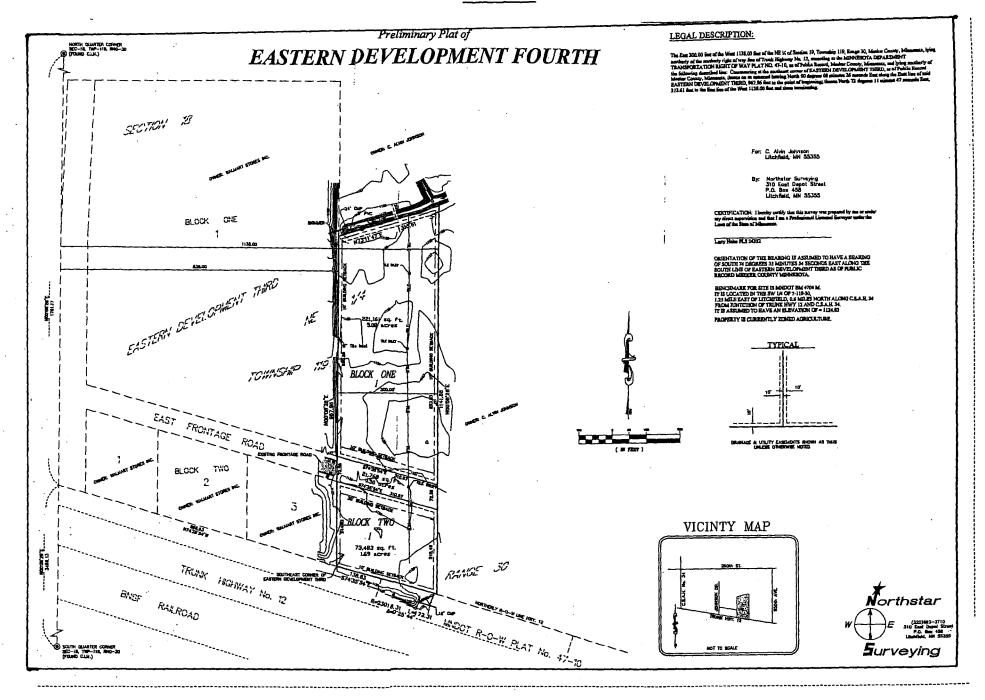
Approved:

Attest:

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR

First Reading: May 7, 2007 Second Reading: May 21, 2007 Publication Date: May 31, 2007 Effective Date: May 21, 2007



AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated this 12th day of June, 2007, by and between the City of Litchfield, hereinafter "City" and Darwin Township, hereinafter "Town";

WHEREAS, in response to a Petition for Annexation by Marketplace Development, L.L.C. for the annexation of certain lands adjacent to the City's corporate boundaries, the City passed Ordinance No. 719, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance contemplates reimbursing the Town for taxes on the annexation property on a gradual reduction of payments basis over a period of six (6) years for a total of One Hundred Thirty-nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$139.50); and

WHEREAS, recent legislative amendments to Chapter 414 now require the reimbursement to be completed in substantially equal payments over not less than two (2) nor more than eight (8) years from the time of annexation, unless otherwise agreed between the City and Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the City and the Town to allow the City to reimburse the Town for taxes on a gradual reduction basis as provided in proposed Ordinance No. 719.

DARWIN TOWNSHIP

CITY OF LITCHFIELD

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