

# Property Owner Petition For Detachment Of property from the City of Meadowlands

In the matter of the petition for detachment of

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Certain land from the City of Meadowlands, Minnesota

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.06

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TO: Office of Administrative Hearings  
Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit  
PO Box 64620  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Pursuant to the 2012 amendment to MN Statute 414.06, the petitioner shall also provide a Copy of this petition to:

1. City of Meadowlands
2. Meadowlands Township
3. St. Louis County Recorder

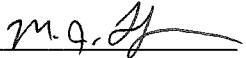
PETITIONERS STATE: The number of petitioners required by Minnesota Statutes 414.06, Subd. 1, to commence this proceeding is: all the property owners if the area is less than 40 acres; or 75% or more of the property owners in number if the area is more than 40 acres.

It is hereby requested that I, the property owner of The Hummingbird Inc. to detach a certain property described herein the City of Meadowlands and make a part of Meadowlands Township.

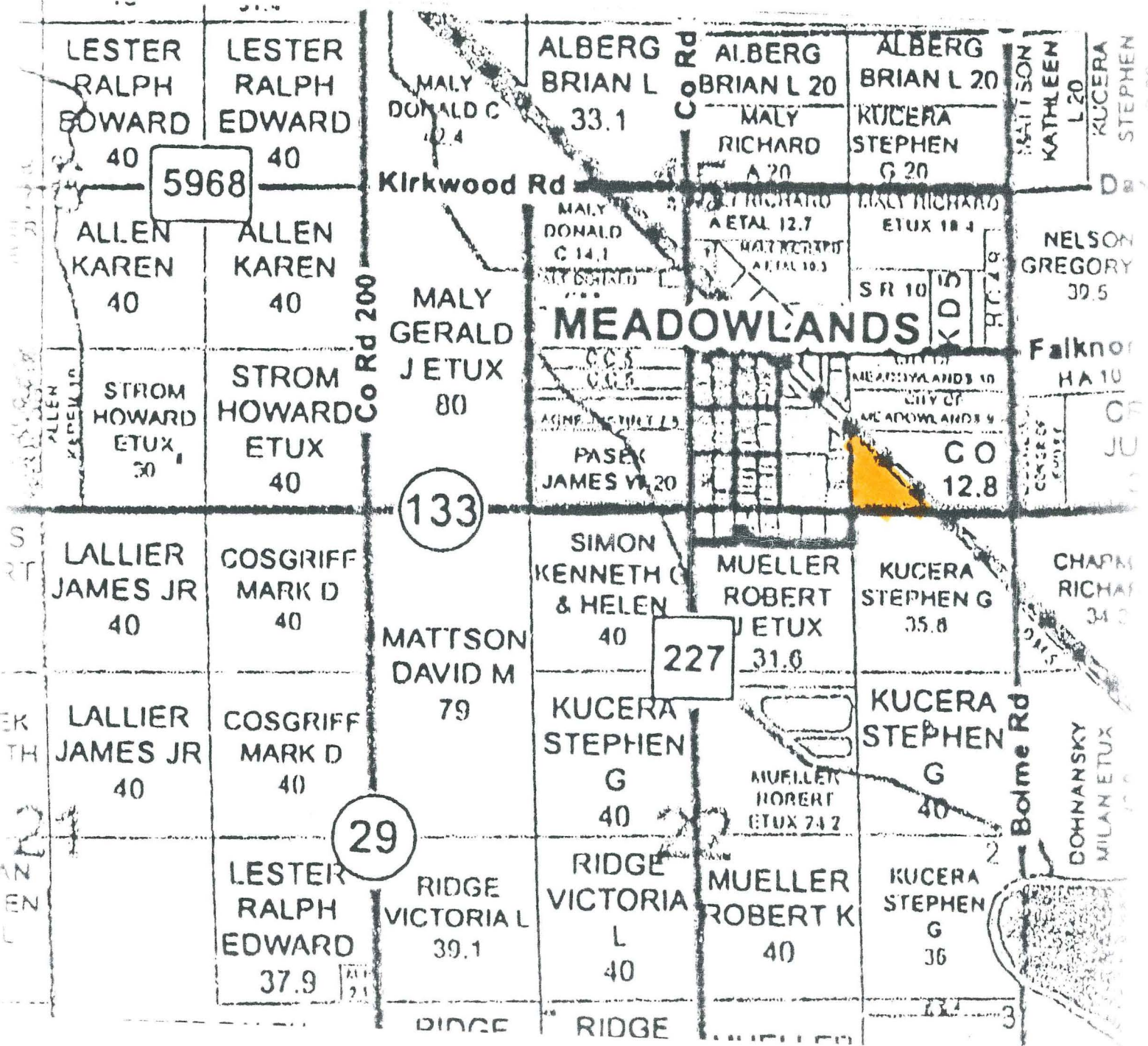
1. There is (1) property owner in the area proposed for detachment.
2. I, Michael J Lindgren, the property owner has signed this petition.
3. The petitioned area is located on the southern boundary of the city. This area proposed for detachment, touch land currently in the township.
4. The property proposed for detachment is rural in character.
5. The reason detachment is requested is as follows.
  - The City of Meadowlands has tax a base of only 54 taxpayers, and The Hummingbird Inc. is 35% of the Cities total marketable value...
  - The City of Meadowlands has a local tax extension rate of 119.853 versus Meadowlands Township who has a local tax extension rate of 26.337. This is a 93.52% difference. So when there is tax levy increase I really feel it. The other neighboring Townships such as Ness is 5.458, Elmer is 9.012, Van Buren 18.609, Northland 21.182, Kelsey 23.027, Alborn 28.093, and Toivola 28.262, quite a huge difference. The City of Duluth is 31.597, and if I am not mistaken they offer a few more services than the City of Meadowlands.

- Proposed 2013 Budget. There is none. They plan to raise it 3% because that's what they have done in the past.
  - \$1000 yearly increase for City of Meadowlands property tax portion. A \$1000 increase from 2011 and looking at another \$1000.00 increase for 2013. This is unacceptable. Then add the cuts to Human Services which in return affects the business that I am in, makes for pretty tough times.
  - Leadership and Direction of the City of Meadowlands. At the upcoming, 2012 election we will have 3 out of 5 vacant seats on the board. The city will be lucky to even fill them. They will all have to all be write-in candidates.
  - The services I receive from the City do not equal the amount of dollars given to them. Plus I pay them for water and sewer which is a service that I will continue to use because of the 60 years of past practice with other Meadowlands Township citizens. I would hate to be discriminated against.
  - The City of Meadowlands financial struggles.
  - The relationship between the City Council and myself. Their management beliefs and mine are in total opposite direction.
  - Policies and procedures. There are none in place.
  - I refuse to be bullied and harassed by a City of Meadowlands employee. Enough is enough.
6. I have made numerous attempts to resolve these issues and have made numerous attempts to give solutions to the problems the city faces. I am the highest paying taxpayer in this city and my opinion means absolutely nothing.
7. The total number of acres is 4.27. The property description is, That part of the South one-half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter. (S1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4) lying Southwest of DM and N Railway Right-of-Way, Section Fifteen (15), Township Fifty-three (53), Range Nineteen (19)
8. There are (2) buildings on this property 1 building is a 6000 square foot customized living facility and the other building is a 576 square foot garage.
9. There are 10 residents that live in this facility.
10. The public improvements were done to this property in 2009. I put the buildings up and hooked up to the water and sewer. Cole Ave was surfaced in 2011.

October 19, 2012

  
Michael J. Lindgren  
Property Owner

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