

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DARFUR
CONCERNING DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN LAND
PURSUANT OT MINNESOTA STATUTES § 414.06**

WHEREAS, the City of Darfur received a petition for detachment of certain property on or about August 19, 2013 for the following described property:

D-511 Darfur/Adrian Township (Mickelson/Fast Property; 73.2 acres; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parcel has been in the City of Darfur's boundaries for decades without issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Darfur incurred debt in the form of a Build America Bond to build a new Fire Hall in 2010, with the tax capacity of the aforementioned parcel included in the calculations to afford the payments; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes of the aforementioned parcel comprises approximately 12% of the City of Darfur's 2013 levy, and detachment will create undue financial hardship for the City; and

WHEREAS, the statement by the petitioners that there are no services received from the City for this property is false, because the Darfur Fire Department provides fire coverage for the property; and

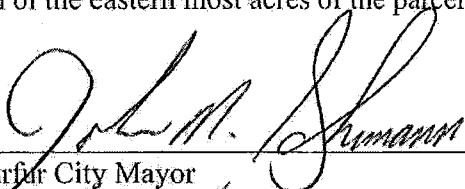
WHEREAS, the Township of Adrian will gain minimal benefit in property taxes from the parcel, but has been advised by the Township's attorney that voting "no" on the petition would open them up for an indefensible lawsuit; and


WHEREAS, MS § 414.06 is biased in favor of property owners petitioning to detach from small cities, because small cities do not have the financial resources to pay for the costs of mediation, and Townships are allowed to remain neutral and not take a stand on the issue, even though they may oppose it in spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Darfur, under extreme duress, has no choice but to support the petition for detachment, because the Council cannot justify the cost of entering mediation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Darfur respectfully requests the Chief Administrative Law Judge to consider the facts that the detachment will create an irregular, asymmetrical boundary of the City of Darfur, and will cause undue financial hardship for the City, and in light of these facts, approve the detachment of only a portion of the eastern most acres of the parcel, as allowed in MS § 414.06, Subd. 3.

Adopted this first day of September, 2013.


Darfur City Mayor


Darfur City Clerk

