OA-1051-1 Waverly City Resolution No. 04-09 Town Resolution No. 04-09

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

#### BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF

## STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION)AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAVERLY)AND THE TOWN OF WOODLAND PURSUANT TO)MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Waverly and the Town of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Waverly and the Town of

Woodland indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Waverly

pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 states that in certain circumstances the Director of Strategic

and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the

annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2004, the Director has reviewed and accepted the resolution for orderly annexation;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution to the City of Waverly, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

That part of the entire tract described as the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 118, Range 26, Wright County, Minnesota, except the South 76 rods thereof, which is

described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence East along the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 902.50 feet to the actual point of beginning; thence South parallel with the west line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1329.19 feet to a line parallel with and distant 1254.00 feet North of the South line of said Southeast Quarter; thence East along said parallel line, a distance of 1655.37 feet to the east line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North along said East line, a distance of 1340.41 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence West along the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1679.47 feet to the point of beginning, except: The North 220.00 feet of the South 1474.00 feet of the East 400.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 118, Range 26.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

For the Director 658 Cedar Street, Room 300 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director Municipal Boundary Adjustments

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1051-1, the Director finds and makes the following comment:

Planning in the area designated for orderly annexation must be provided for by one of three provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, Subd. 5. The joint resolution does not make reference to which of the three statutory provisions the parties have agreed on to govern planning in the designated area. Agreeing to continue the county's planning and zoning controls for the designated area is not one of the statutory options authorized. The parties have agreed to future urbanization of the designated area and continuing the county planning and zoning controls appears to be inconsistent with statutory requirements.

Section 3 of the agreement imposes a financial obligation on the property owners of the subject property to reimburse the Township. The authority to impose this type of obligation on the property owner is questionable. Reimbursement for lost tax revenue is an optional provision to be negotiated. Minnesota Statutes Sec. 414.036 states reimbursement is to be "from the municipality to the town...." The issuance of this order makes no determination as to the legality or validity of these provisions of the agreement. Any issue that may arise relative to the application or interpretation of these sections will be the sole responsibility of the signatories to the agreement.

The parties are encouraged to consider this comment in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.