OA-1061-2 Monticello City Resolution No. 2004-55

#### 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 MONTICELLO) AND THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO PURSUANT TO ) MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 )

<u>ORDER</u>

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Monticello indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Monticello 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

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 Monticello, Minnesota, the same

as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 121, Range 25, Wright County, Minnesota.

## EXCEPT

The South 466.27 fect of the west 466.69 feet of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 121, Range 25, Wright County, Minnesota.

## ALSO EXCEPT

Commencing at the southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 121, Range 25; thence casterly along the southerly line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 467.11 fect to the point of beginning; thence continuing easterly along the South line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 940.0 fect; thence northerly parallel to the West line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 696.69 feet; thence westerly parallel to the South line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 1407.11 feet to the West line of said Northeast Quarter; thence southerly along the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 230.00 feet; thence easterly parallel to the South line of said Northeast Quarter 467.11 feet; thence southerly parallel to the West line of said Northeast Quarter 466.69 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of ways of Wright County Highway Number 117 over the west side thereof.

#### ALSO EXCEPT

That part of the Northcast Quarter of Section 23, Township 121 North, Range 25 West, Wright County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North along the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 696.69 fect to the actual point of beginning; thence East parallel with the South line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 435.60 feet; thence North parallel with said West line, a distance of 200.00 feet; thence West parallel with said South line, a distance of 435.60 feet to said West line; thence South along said West line, a distance of 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of a county road over the West side thereof.

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

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

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Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director Municipal Boundary Adjustments

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1061-2, the Director finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph/item 6 and a portion of 7 of the agreement provides for a division of tax revenue from an annexed area, based upon a one time cash payment. By making this order, no determination is made as to the effectiveness of such a schedule. Minnesota Statutes Section 414.036 allows for a reimbursement to the township of property taxes of substantially equal payments over a period of not less than two nor more than six years. Including such a provision in an order under Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325 is discretionary with the Director.

Paragraph 15 states the agreement shall remain in full force and effect until certain events occur. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run afoul of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Director. Once jurisdiction is conferred, it cannot be taken away by written consent of the parties. Jurisdiction ends when all the designated area is annexed. The issue whether jurisdiction could be "given back" by the Director upon written request of the parties to the agreement to mutually end their agreement has not been addressed.

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.