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VIA E-MAIL
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Re: OA-1405-2 Jackson/Des Moines Township (Joint Resolution 02-14/29-314;
Jackson Economic Development Corporation Property-Torgerson Farm; 98.44 acres)

Dear Mr. Handevidt:

The Office of Administrative Hearings acknowledges receipt of the joint resolution for orderly annexation between the City of Jackson and Des Moines Township. Please refer to the above-referenced docket number in any future correspondence relating to this proceeding.

Before this matter can be scheduled for review, clarification is needed on several issues.

1. Page 1 of Joint Resolution 02-14/29-314, Paragraph B. references "OA-1406". In reviewing the two 2008 original orderly annexation agreements between the City of Jackson and Des Moines Township, it appears that this reference should be "OA-1405". This being an apparent typographical error, the city and township may correct the error, but it is not required.
2. Concerning tax rates on the Torgerson Farm, language in the original joint agreement differs from language in Joint Resolution 02-14/29-314. Since Joint Resolution 02-14/29-314 was signed by the city, township and the JEDC, please confirm which tax rate language will be used when our office issues the Order for the annexation of the Torgerson Farm.

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3. The original agreement for OA-1405 indicates that the entire area designated for orderly annexation was 327.604 acres, with the immediate annexation of 200.604 acres, leaving a remainder of 127 acres. The remainder of the designated area, the Torgerson Farm, is described in the original agreement as:

In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Des Moines Township:
Torgerson Farm: All that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 13 not already within the corporate limits of the City (containing 127.00 acres \pm).

Joint Resolution 02-14/29-314 states the acreage of the Torgerson Farm as 98.44 acres and describes it as follows:

All that part of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 13 in Township 102, North of Range 35, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, not already within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson.

Please explain the discrepancy in the acreage.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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