#### JOINT RESOLUTION

# IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACONITE AND IRON RANGE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES § 414.0325

WHEREAS, the City of Taconite and Iron Range Township designate for orderly annexation, the following described lands located within Iron Range Township, County of Itasca, Minnesota:

### Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 3, Township 56, Range 24W as follows:

Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4, NW 1/4)

Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4, NW 1/4)

Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4, SW 1/4)

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 4, Township 56, Range 24W.

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 5, Township 56, Range 24W

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 6, Township 56, Range 24W.

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 7, Township 56, Range 24W

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 8, Township 56, Range 24W.

All Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 9, Township 56, Range 24W

Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 16, Township 56, Range 24W as follows:

Northeast Ouarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4, NE 1/4)

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# Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 19, Township 56, Range 24W as follows:

All of the NE Ouarter (NE 1/4)

All the part of Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, West of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., Described as follows:

Assuming the East property line thereof to bear North 02 Degrees 19' 30" East and beginning at the Southeast corner thereof proceeding then North 02 Degrees 19' 30" East along said East property line a distance of 333.14'; then North 88 degrees 53' 10" West a distance of 658.48'; then North 02 DEG 17' 27" East a distance of 107.41'; then South 89 degrees 22' 52" West more or less a distance of 658.31', more or less to a point on the West property line thereof 420.04' Northerly of the Southwest corner thereof; then Southerly along said West property line a distance of 420.04' to said Southwest corner; then easterly along the South property line thereof to the point of beginning.

#### All that part of Government Lot 2 described as follows:

That part of Lot 2 described as follows: Assume the South property line thereof to bear South 88 degrees South 45' 24" East and beginning at the Southwest corner thereof proceed then South 88 Deg 45' 24" East along said property line a distance of 1059'; then North 01 degrees 14' 36" East a distance of 363'; then North 68 DEG 29' 36" East a distance of 26'; then North 12 degrees 34' 36" East a distance of 180'; then North 31 DEG 17' 36" East a distance of 125'; then North 48 degrees 03' 36" East a distance of 93'; Then North 21 DEG 20' 36" East a distance of 247'; then North 11 degrees 20' 36" East a distance of 162'; then North 19 degrees 37' 24" West a distance of 57'; then North 28 degrees 13' 36" East a distance of 88'; then North 48 degrees 20' 36" East a distance of 111'; then North 57 DEG 40' 36" East more or less, a distance of 17.52 FT, more or less, to a point on the North property line thereof 84.36' Westerly of the Northeast corner thereof; Westerly along said North property line to the Northwest corner thereof; then Southerly along the West property line thereof to the point of beginning; containing 37.05 acres more or less.

Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼, NW ¼)

Northwest Ouarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4, SE 1/4)

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All that part of Southwest Southeast Quarter, described as follows:

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corner thereof; then Easterly along said South property line to the Southeast corner thereof; then northerly along the East property line thereof to the Northeast corner thereof; then westerly along the North property line thereof to the point of beginning.

Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter Less S 400' of E 450'

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All of the surface of Trout Lake, located within Section 31, Township 56, Range 24W according to the original government survey including accretions located therein, and the unplatted part of Government Lot 5 and 6, Section 31, lying east of Longyear Park as shown on the Plat of Second Addition to Coleraine

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# Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 36, Township 56, Range 24W as follows:

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and,

WHEREAS, the City of Taconite and Iron Range Township are in agreement as to the orderly annexation of the unincorporated land described; that both believe it will be to their benefit and to the benefit of their respective residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 provides a procedure whereby the City of Taconite and Iron Range Township may agree on a process of orderly annexation of a designated area; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 1, 2011 a Notice of Intent to include property in an orderly annexation area was published pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 Subd. 1b; and

WHEREAS, the City of Taconite and Iron Range Township have agreed to all the terms and conditions for the annexation of the above-described lands within this document and the signatories hereto agree that no alteration of the designated area is appropriate and no consideration by the Chief Administrative Law Judge is necessary. The Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within thirty (30) days, order the annexation in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** jointly by the City Council of the City of Taconite and the Township Board of Iron Range Township as follows:

1. **Property:** That the following described lands in Iron Range Township are subject to orderly annexation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325, and that the parties hereto designate those areas for orderly annexation, to wit:

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- 2. Acreage/Population/Usage. That the designated area consists of approximately 5,520 acres, the population in the subject area is 289, and the land use type is rural in nature.
- 3. **Jurisdiction.** That Iron Range Township and the City of Taconite, by submission of this joint resolution to the Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings, confers jurisdiction upon the Chief Administrative Law Judge so as to accomplish said orderly annexation in accordance with the terms of this resolution.
- 4. **Need.** That the above-described property is urban or suburban or about to become so, and since the City of Taconite is capable of providing services to this area within a reasonable time, the annexation would be in the best interest of the area.

#### 5. Conditions:

All plats will be annexed in 1 phase

Official transfer of governmental power will occur on 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 All assets that were solely purchased by Iron Range Township for the Road and Bridge account will be used to maintain all property listed in this annexation. Any sale of such assets will have all funds deposited in the Rural Property account.

6. **Tax Rate Step Up**. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.035 the initial tax rate for the annexed area shall equal the tax rate adopted by the Town of Iron Range at its annual

town meeting in 2012 for taxes payable in 2013. The levy shall then be increased in substantially equal portions until the levy shall be equal to the City's rate payable in the year 2018.

- 7. Municipal Reimbursements. Minnesota Statutes § 414.036.
  - a. Reimbursement to Towns for lost taxes on annexed property.

    There will be no reimbursement to the Iron Range Township for annexed property

#### b. Assessments and Debt.

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.036 with respect to any special assessment assigned by the Township to the annexed property and any portion of debt incurred by the Township prior to the annexation and attributable to the property to be annexed, but for which no special assessments are outstanding, for the area legally described (herein or attached exhibit) there are no special assessments or debt.

- 8. **Review and Comment.** The City of Taconite and Iron Range Township agree that upon receipt of this resolution, passed and adopted by each party, the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within thirty (30) days, order the annexation in accordance with the terms of the resolution.
- 9. **Restrictions:** There are not restrictions to this annexation.
- 10. **Terms of Resolution;** This resolutions states the good faith intent of the Town of Iron Range and the City of Taconite.
  - a. By December 1, 2012 both parties will come to agreement on an orderly transfer of governing power and division of properties to take place January 1, 2013.
  - b. The City of Taconite will continue any obligations for retiree benefits that Iron Range Township has established with its retired employees.
  - c. The City of Taconite will give priority to Iron Range Township employees at the time of annexation when developing its labor pool for maintenance of the annexed area. Any Iron Range Township employee desiring to continue employment with the City of Taconite must meet all of the City of Taconite employment requirements.
  - d. The City of Taconite will administrate all land use permitting. All current assigned Itasca County land use classifications will become classified under the City of Taconite's Zoning and Land Use Ordinance using the same restrictions as Itasca County. Any land not clearly classified will be classified as rural residential.
  - e. All assets of Iron Range Township and the liability of such assets will be transferred to the City of Taconite prior to January 1, 2013. Any title or deed not transferred by January 1, 2013 will legally become property or assets of the City of Taconite.
  - f. All collections of monies levied on the annexed area by Iron Range Township will become the property of the City of Taconite.

- g. Iron Range Township will provide the City of Taconite with an Audited Financial Statement covering the period through December 31, 2012. All costs incurred after January 1, 2013 to produce such financial statement will be paid by funds transferred by Iron Range Township to the City of Taconite during the annexation process
- h. The City of Taconite will be responsible for any environmental violations committed by Iron Range Township prior to the date of annexation.
- *i*. All claims of Iron Range Township incurred on or before December 31, 2012, will become claims on of the City of Taconite.
- j. The City of Taconite will be responsible for all annexation fees.

Adopted by affirmative vote of all the members of the Iron Range Township Board of Supervisors this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

IRON RANGE TOWNSHIP

By: 19 P. Chairperson - Don HANSON

Board of Supervisor

ATTEST

By: Mil

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Adopted by affirmative vote of the City Council of The City of Taconite, this 27th day of June, 2012.

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By: Michael

Mayor - Michael Troumbly

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Approved this

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