STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)))	ORDER	

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Northfield indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Northfield 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 pursuant to said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, Reorganization Order No. 192, effective March 8, 2005, has transferred the duties of the Director to the Chief Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2007, the Chief Administrative Law Judge 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 Northfield, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 111 NORTH RANGE 20 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) 364.00 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼); THENCE WESTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO

SAID EAST LINE, 765.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY, PARALLEL TO AND 765.00 FEET WESTERLY FROM SAID EAST LINE, 800.00 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG A LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO LAST ABOVE DESCRIBED COURSE AND SAID EAST LINE, 490.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 275.00 FEET WESTERLY FROM SAID EAST LINE. 600.00 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE. 275.00 FEET TO A POINT IN SAID EAST LINE, THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 12 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4); THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4), A DISTANCE OF 364.00 FEET, THENCE WESTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 461.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE WESTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 303.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY, PARALLEL TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 800.00 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 490.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTNACE OF 186.23 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL TO SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED INCLUDES THAT AREA OF THE PARCEL SUBJECT TO THE DIVISION STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That pursuant to Minn. Stat. 414.036, the Town of Bridgewater will be reimbursed by the City of Northfield in accordance with the terms of Joint Resolution signed by the City of Stillwater on August 24, 1999 and the Town of Bridgewater on August 25, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the tax rate of the City of Northfield on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions

over a period of six years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2007.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge 658 Cedar Street - Room 300 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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Municipal Boundary Adjustments

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-631-6, the Chief Administrative Law Judge 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.

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.