

OA-696-2 Northfield  
Resolution No. 2002-207

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLANNING  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ) ORDER  
NORTHFIELD AND THE TOWN OF GREENVALE )  
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 )  
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WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Northfield and the Town of Greenvale; 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, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325, M.S. 414.11, and M.S. 414.12 states that in certain circumstances the Director of the Office 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 August 13, 2002, the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning 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:

The north half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 112 North, Range 20 West, Dakota County, Minnesota. (80 acres)

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 two years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

For the Director of the Office of Strategic &  
Long Range Planning  
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Christine M. Scotillo  
Executive Director  
Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-696-2, the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph 15 states the agreement will automatically expire on September 1, 2005; however, nothing herein shall prevent the City of Northfield and the Township of Greenvale from amending this agreement during its term. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run afoul of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Director, Paragraph 5 on Page 3. 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.

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