

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 NORTHFIELD )  
AND THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD PURSUANT TO ) ORDER  
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 Northfield; 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 September 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:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 111, Range 19, Rice County, Minnesota described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 35 seconds East, on an assumed bearing along the North line of said Southeast Quarter, 2637.47 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 32 seconds East, along the east line of said Southeast Quarter, 1218.95 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 28 seconds West 203.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds West 167.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 35 seconds West 710.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds East 460.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 35 seconds West 908.55 feet; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds West 185.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds West 817.48 feet, to the West line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 39 seconds East, along said West line, 1322.39 feet to the point of beginning.

(Total acreage is approximately 79.08 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 three years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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-805-2, the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning finds and makes the following comments:

Planning in the area designated for orderly annexation may be provided for by one of the three means set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, Subd. 5. Section XIII of the joint resolution still does not make reference to which of the three statutory provisions the parties to the joint resolution have elected to govern planning in the designated area.

Paragraph 21 states the agreement will automatically expire on December 31, 2021; however, nothing herein shall prevent the City of Northfield and the Township of Northfield 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. 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 these comments in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.

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