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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION)	
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KASSON AND)	<u>ORDER</u>
THE TOWN OF MANTORVILLE PUSUANT TO)	
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)	

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

WHEREAS, said joint resolution requests that certain property be annexed to the City of Kasson pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 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 November 8, 2002, the Acting 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 Kasson, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The East 608.00 feet of the North 435.00 feet of the South \(^{3}\)4 of the SE \(^{1}\)4 of Section 33,

Township 107, Range 16, Dodge County, Minnesota.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2002.

For the Acting Director of the Office of Strategic & Long Range Planning 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-807-3, the Acting Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph 4 states the agreement shall be in effect for five years. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run afoul of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Director, Paragraph 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.