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 ALEXANDRIA AND THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)))	ORDER	
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WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Alexandria and the Town of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, said joint resolution requests that certain property be annexed to the City of Alexandria 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 January 2, 2003, 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 Alexandria, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

Sections 16, 17, and 18, Township 128, Range 37, Alexandria Township, Douglas County, Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the tax rate of the City of Alexandria on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions over a period of four years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2003.

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-890-1, the Acting Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph No. 15 of the joint agreement states that the agreement shall be in effect for twelve (12) years unless otherwise terminated by mutual agreement of the city and township. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run counter of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Director. Once jurisdiction is conferred by submission of this agreement to this office, 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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