

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Detachment of
Certain Real Property from the
City of Pipestone to Gray Township
(MBAU D-678)

**ORDER DENYING
PETITION FOR DETACHMENT**

This matter is pending before Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf upon a petition for detachment (Petition) filed by Thomas J. Nelson, David R. Nelson, David L. Meulebroeck and Karen Meulebroeck (Petitioners). Petitioners filed the initial petition on September 5, 2025, and filed additional information on September 25, 2025.

Damain D. Sandy, O'Neill, O'Neill & Barduson, appeared on behalf of Thomas J. Nelson, David R. Nelson, David L. Meulebroeck and Karen Meulebroeck (Petitioners). Jason M. Hill, Town Law Center PLLP, appeared on behalf of the City of Pipestone (City). Ted Stoud, Chair, and Scott Blom, Township Clerk, appeared on behalf of Gray Township (Township).

The Petition requests detachment of approximately 127 acres of real property from the City to the Township. On October 6, 2025, the City and, on October 14, 2025, the Township adopted resolutions opposing the Petition. The City filed Resolution No. 2025-65 with the Court of Administrative Hearings on October 8, 2025. The Court received the Town's Resolution on October 15, 2025.

Based upon the filings in this matter, the Judge issues the following:

ORDER

1. Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 2, provides in relevant part: "If both the municipality and town submit a resolution opposing the petition, a hearing must not be held and the . . . administrative law judge shall deny the petition."
2. The hearing scheduled for November 7, 2025 is **CANCELLED**.
3. Because the City and Town filed resolutions opposing the Petition, under Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 2, the Petition must be, and is, **DENIED**.

Dated: October 30, 2025


KIMBERLY MIDDENDORF
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE

This Order is the final administrative order in this case under Minn. Stat. §§ 414.06, .07, .09, .12 (2024). Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.07, subd. 2, any person aggrieved by this Order may appeal to the Pipestone County District Court by filing an Application for Review with the Court Administrator within 30 days of this Order. An appeal does not stay the effect of this Order.

Any party may submit a written request for an amendment of this Order within seven days from the date of the mailing of the Order pursuant to Minn. R. 6000.3100 (2025). However, no request for amendment shall extend the time of appeal from this Order.