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STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF ROCK)

Rick Peterson, being first duly sworn, on oath states as follows:

1. I am the publisher of the *Rock County Star Herald* or the publisher's designated agent. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Affidavit, which is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §331A.07.

2. The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements to constitute a qualified newspaper under Minnesota law, including those requirements found in Minnesota Statutes §331A.02.

3. The printed CAH-71-0330-42072

which is attached was cut from the columns of said newspaper, and was printed and published once each week, for two successive weeks; it was first published on Thursday the 8th day of Oct., 2026 and was thereafter printed and published on every Thursday to and including Thursday the 15th day of Oct., 2026.

4. The publisher's lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space, as determined pursuant to § 331A.06, is as follows: $13.25

5. Mortgage Foreclosure Notices *[Effective 7/1/15]*. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §580.033 relating to the publication of mortgage foreclosure notices: The newspaper's known office of issue is located in Rock County. The newspaper complies with the conditions described in §580.033, subd. 1, clause (1) or (2). If the newspaper's known office of issue is located in a county adjoining the county where the mortgaged premises or some part of the mortgaged premises described in the notice are located, a substantial portion of the newspaper's circulation is in the latter county.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Jennifer C. Nelson

[*Signature*]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15th day Oct., 2026.

Debra K. Lusty

Notary Public

DEBRA K LUSTY
Notary Public
Minnesota
My Commission Expires
Jan 31, 2029

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Detachment of Certain Real Property from the City of Hills to Martin Township (MBA No. D-691)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will commence on **October 27, 2026**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.** at the **Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, 3rd Floor Court Room, Luverne, MN 56156**, before Chief Administrative Law Judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig of the Minnesota Court of Administrative Hearings. The hearing will continue on October 28, 2026, if necessary. The hearing will be held to consider evidence and argument regarding a petition filed by Walnut Grove, Ltd. (Petitioner) seeking an order authorizing detachment of certain real property (Property) from the City of Hills (City).

The parties to this proceeding to date are Petitioner, the City, and Martin Township (Township). David A. Owens, Klosterbuer & Haubrich, LLP, appears on behalf of Petitioner. Matthew Gross, Quarnstrom & Doering, PA, appears on behalf of the City. Douglas Bos appears on behalf of the Township as the township clerk.

At the hearing, all persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard orally and to submit written data, statements, or arguments concerning this matter. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the procedures set out in Minn. R. ch. 6000 (2025) as supplemented by Minn. R.1400.5010-.8400 (2025).

Interested persons may also submit written data, statements, or arguments concerning this matter to the Chief Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing. Submit written materials no later than **4:30 p.m. on October 23, 2026**. Submissions are public information and will be provided to the parties. Submissions may be made either by mail to the Court of Administrative Hearings, Attn: MBAU Administrator, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, by facsimile, by personal delivery, or by email to mbauadministrator.oah@state.mn.us. All submissions should include the docket number for this matter: CAH 71-0330-42072.

The Property proposed for detachment in Rock County, Minnesota, is described as follows:

> Outlot Twenty-three (23) of County Auditor's Plat of Outlots in the City of Hills, Minnesota, in Section Twenty-eight (28), in Township One Hundred One (101) North, of Range Forty-six (46) West, of the 5th P.M., and containing 27.61 acres, more or less.

After all testimony is complete and the record is closed, the Chief Administrative Law Judge will issue findings and an order in accordance with Minn. Stat. ch. 414 (2026).

Any person or party who needs a reasonable accommodation for a disability or an interpreter in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request in writing to the Court of Administrative Hearings. A person seeking an accommodation for a disability should complete the Court of Administrative Hearings' Reasonable Accommodation Request Form. A copy of the form can be found at: https://mn.gov/oah/lawyers-and-litigants/title-ii.jsp. Examples of reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to, wheelchair accessibility, an American Sign Language interpreter, or Braille or large-print materials. Requests for an interpreter should be submitted to the MBAU at mbauadministrator.oah@state.mn.us. If any party requires an interpreter, the Court must be promptly notified so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Any questions concerning the proposed detachment, or requests for accommodation for a disability in order to participate in this hearing, should be directed to the MBAU Administrator at mbauadministrator.oah@state.mn.us or 651-361-7900.

Dated: September 28, 2026

JESSICA A. PALMER-DENIG
Chief Administrative Law Judge

(10-08, 10-15)