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AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY ABUTTING THE CITY OF STAPLES, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 145 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

WHEREAS, the City of Staples (the "City") has studied its municipal borders and the City's growth patterns; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to promote orderly growth and provide municipal services in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the City's borders completely surround property abutting the City which property is located in Thomastown Township in Wadena County and is more specifically described below; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the annexation of said property by ordinance pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.033; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that (i) the property proposed for annexation is, or is about to become, urban or suburban in character, (ii) annexation of said property and municipal government is required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and (iii) annexation would be in the best interests of the property proposed for annexation.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Staples as follows:

Section 1. Property to be Annexed. The corporate limits of the City are hereby amended to include the following described property ("Property") currently in the jurisdiction of Thomastown Township in Wadena County constituting approximately 145 acres, and the Property is hereby annexed to and included within the corporate limits of the City pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.033 as if such Property had originally been a part of the City:

All the property in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36 and in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25 in Thomastown Township not already located in the City limits.

<u>Section 2. Population of Annexed Property.</u> The annexed Property contains a total of 14 households with an estimated population of 35.

<u>Section 3. Zoning Classification of Portions of the Annexed</u> <u>Property.</u> Pursuant to the City Zoning Ordinance, the City Council hereby designates certain parcels of the Property annexed under Section 1 of this Ordinance as agricultural as identified by their parcel numbers for property tax purposes: R-13-025-3020; R-13-025-3030; R-13-036-2030.

Section 4. Appropriation of Filing Fee; Authorization to File <u>Ordinance.</u> The amount necessary to pay the filing fee required by the Minnesota Municipal Board for this annexation ordinance is hereby appropriated for such purpose, and the City administrator is directed to make the necessary filings and provide required information to the Minnesota Municipal Board, the Township of Thomastown, the auditor of Wadena County, and the Minnesota Secretary of State.

<u>Section 5. Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance is effective upon publication pursuant to the City Charter and approval by the Minnesota Municipal Board.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Staples this 8th day of June, 1993.

APPROVED BY

John G. Wilson Mayor

ATTEST

PRil Phil Lindaman City Clerk

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