

Nancy Evers  
Rockford City Administrator  
Rockford City Hall  
6031 Main Street  
Rockford, MN 55373

April 9, 1999

Docket Number: A-6080

City of Rockford  
M.S. 414.033, Subd. 2(3)  
Ordinance Number: 99-03

Dear Ms. Evers:

The Minnesota Municipal Board has now processed and approved the above ordinance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 414, and the Rules of Procedure.

In approving this annexation the Board acknowledges its limited authority in approving annexations by ordinance while recognizing the significant and compelling policy arguments in favor of the annexation. The Board also has misgivings as to whether legal and/or technical abutment has been achieved and is relying on the City's representation of statutory compliance.. It will be the City's sole responsibility to defend against any challenge to this ordinance.

As a result of this annexation, a portion of the township will now be more than 60% surrounded by the City. The Board is relying on representations by the City that it will continue the regard for those township residents in accordance with the City's past annexation practice.

The law requires that a copy of the annexation ordinance must be delivered immediately by the governing body of the municipality to the appropriate county auditor or auditors, and filed with the township and the Secretary of State. We recommend that you

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also file the annexation ordinance with the County Recorder. If you have population in the affected area, please contact the State Demographer's Office at (651) 296-9036 for forms.

The annexation is final upon the date the ordinance is approved by the Board, which is the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

MUNICIPAL BOARD

Christine M. Scotillo  
Executive Director

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cc: Wright County Auditor  
Rockford Township Clerk  
Nate Bissonette, City Attorney  
State Demographer's Office  
Secretary of State