

**NORTHERN TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0510**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN TOWNSHIP FOR  
INCORPORATION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES § 414.02**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of Supervisors of Northern Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota (“Township”) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Township is not included within the limits of any incorporated municipality and includes land that has been platted into lots and blocks in the manner provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is not currently a party to an orderly annexation agreement under Minnesota Statute § 414.0325 with any city; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section § 414.02 provides the exclusive method of incorporating a municipality in the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Demographic Center has determined Northern Township’s 2023 population to be 3,833 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township, is now, or is about to become, urban or suburban in character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township currently possesses the necessary resources to provide for its economical and efficient operation as a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Township form of government is not best suited to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents as the Township develops; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation would be in the best interest of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted and enforces a comprehensive plan and zoning controls for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, areas within the Township, are now, and will be in the future, the subject of urban and suburban scale development; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would provide the Township with stable borders within which to efficiently plan for and deliver municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would make the newly incorporated city eligible for Local Government Aid from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would make the newly incorporated city eligible for Small City Road Aid from the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would significantly increase the economic development tools available to the Township, thus promoting economic development within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would vest liquor licensing authority in the newly incorporated city, rather than with Beltrami County, resulting in increased local control of liquor licensing; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation as a city would vest charitable gambling approval authority in the newly incorporated city, rather than with Beltrami County, resulting in increased local control of charitable gambling; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Township is bordered by the City of Bemidji on the south, on the southwest by Grant Valley Township, on the west by Eckles Township; on the northwest corner by Liberty Township; on the north by Turtle Lake Township; on the northeast corner by Port Hope Township; on the east by Turtle River Township, on the southeast corner by Frohn Township; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation of the Township will have no adverse effect on communities adjacent to Northern, nor on school districts within and adjacent to the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that incorporation into a city form of government will allow for the more efficient administration of the area within the Township, thus advancing the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the name of the newly created City should be "Northern" which has been the name of the town since it was organized; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Supervisors of Northern Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota declares that:



1. Northern Township, through this Resolution, formally requests that the Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustments, institute a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.02, Subd. 2, and upon reviewing the evidence presented at such hearing, enter an order incorporating the Township of Northern as the City of Northern pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.02, Subd. 3.
2. That prior to the hearing on this matter the Office of Administrative Hearings notify all municipalities and political subdivisions abutting Northern Township, Beltrami County, and each planning agency which has jurisdiction over the affected area, all of which are listed on the attached Exhibit A which is herein incorporated by reference.
3. That the final order of the Office of Administrative Hearings establish the boundaries of the City of Northern at those as set forth on the attached Exhibit B "Proposed Legal Description of the Corporate Boundary of the City of Northern" and as shown on the attached Exhibit C "Proposed Corporate Boundary Map of the City of Northern" which are herein incorporated by reference.
4. That the final order of the Office of Administrative Hearings provides for election of municipal officers in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 414.09, Subd. 3 and for the ordering of an at-large election of city council members and mayor, and to provide that the plan of government shall be "Optional Plan A" with regular city elections thereafter in every even-numbered year.

**ADOPTED** by the Town Board of Supervisors this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

**NORTHERN TOWNSHIP**

  
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Jess Frenzel, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary Israelson, Clerk



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **JURISDICTIONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF NORTHERN TOWNSHIP'S INCORPORATION PETITION:**

City of Bemidji  
Grant Valley Township  
Eckles Township  
Liberty Township  
Turtle Lake Township  
Port Hope Township  
Turtle River Township  
Frohn Township  
County of Beltrami

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF NORTHERN**

Legal description of Northern Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota, proposed to be incorporated as the City of Northern:

All of the following Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 located in Township 147 north, Range 33 west, Beltrami County, Minnesota;

AND

Those portions of the following described sections located in Township 147 north, Range 33 west, Beltrami County, Minnesota:

- All of that property in Section 20 lying northwesterly of the east right of way line of U.S. Highway 71.
- All of that property lying southeast of U.S. Highway 71 located within the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20.
- All of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 147 North, Range 33 West lying west of U.S. Trunk Highway 71.
- All of that property located in the north half of Section 21.
- The North 33 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30; Township 147 North; Range 33 West.
- That part of the Northwest quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 31, Township 147 North, Range 33 West lying Northwesterly of the line described below. Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northwest quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 31, Township 147 North, Range 33 West, distant 852.03 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence run Northeasterly at an angle of  $75^{\circ} 23' 45''$  from said West line (measured from North to East) for 1500 feet and there terminating.

- The right-of-way of U.S. Trunk Highway 71 across the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 147 North, Range 33 West, as taken by Lis Pendens dated January 22, 1975, and recorded by Microfilm No. 236137.
- That part of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 147 North, Range 33 West lying southwesterly of Trunk Highway No. 2 as shown on MnDOT Right-of-Way Plat No. 4-1.
- That part of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, Township 147 North, Range 33 West, lying north of the southerly right-of-way line of CSAH No. 50.

**EXHIBIT C**

**PROPOSED CORPORATE BOUNDARY MAP OF  
THE CITY OF NORTHERN**



# PROPOSED BOUNDARY

