

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF
STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRANITE)
FALLS AND THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS)
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)

ORDER

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Granite Falls and the Town of Granite Falls; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Granite Falls indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Granite Falls pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 states that in certain circumstances the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

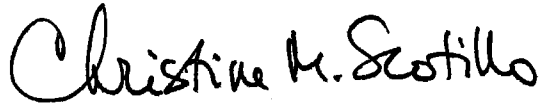
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution to the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

Tract 1: The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4) of Section One (1), Township One Hundred Fifteen (115), Range Thirty-nine (39), excepting therefrom the right of way of Minnesota Highway 23 located in Granite Falls Township, Chippewa County, Minnesota. AND Tract 2: The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter

(SE1/4 NE1/4), Section One (1), Township One Hundred Fifteen (115), Range Thirty-nine (39), lying west of the center line of the right of way of State Highway 23.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2004.

For the Director
658 Cedar Street, Room 300
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine M. Scotillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments

OA-1078-1 Granite Falls

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1078-1, the Director finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph/item 4 of the agreement provides for a division of tax revenue from an annexed area, for an indefinite period of time. By making this order, no determination is made as to the effectiveness of such a schedule. Minnesota Statutes Section 414.036 allows for a reimbursement to the township of property taxes of substantially equal payments over a period of not less than two nor more than six years. Including such a provision in an order under Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325 is discretionary with the Director.

The parties are encouraged to consider this comment in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.

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