

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Thomas J. Simmons	Chairman
Robert W. Johnson	Vice Chairman
Gerald J. Isaacs	Member
Charles H. Miller	Ex-Officio Member
William Wells	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION)	
OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND THE TOWN)	
OF BRIDGEWATER FOR THE ORDERLY ANNEXA-)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
TION OF CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY OF)	<u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>
NORTHFIELD)	<u>AND ORDER</u>

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414, as amended, on January 30, 1975 at the Northfield City Hall, Northfield, Minnesota. The City of Northfield appeared by and through Lance Jacobson. The Town of Bridgewater appeared by and through Peter Schmitz, Attorney at Law. The hearing was conducted by Commissioner Gerald J. Isaacs before a quorum of the commission. Also in attendance were County Commissioners Charles H. Miller and William Wells, Ex-Officio Members of the Commission. Testimony was heard and records and exhibits were received.

After due and careful consideration of all evidence, together with all records, files and proceedings, and being fully advised in the premises, the Minnesota Municipal Commission hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Northfield and the Township of Bridgewater and duly filed with the Minnesota Municipal Commission.
2. Due, timely and adequate legal notice of the hearing was published, served and filed.

3. That the area proposed to be annexed is characterized by commercial and industrial development and will experience further development in the near future.

4. That the City of Northfield does now provide fire protection to the area proposed for annexation.

5. That the City of Northfield is capable of and it is practical for it to provide to the area proposed for annexation the following municipal services within the next five (5) years:

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| a. police protection | d. sewer |
| b. improved fire protection | e. street maintenance |
| c. water | f. building inspection |

6. The assessed value of the property proposed for annexation is \$119,161, \$105,283 of which is classified as non-agricultural.

7. The mill rate levied on the area proposed for annexation by the town is 2.13 mills.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Minnesota Municipal Commission duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding, pursuant to the joint resolution of the city and township.

2. The area proposed for annexation is now or is about to become urban or suburban in nature.

3. The City of Northfield is capable of providing the services required by the area described herein within a reasonable time.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the following described property lying in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Rice, State of Minnesota, be and the same hereby is annexed to the City of Northfield

the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

All that part of Section 1, 2, 11 and 12 of the Township described as follows:

A tract of land, bounded on the North by the City limits of said City; bounded on the South by the City limits of the City of Dundas, Minnesota, bounded on the East by the easterly right of way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. Three (3); bounded on the West by the westerly right of way line of Rice County Highway Seventy Eight (78). All in Township 111 North, Range 20 West, Bridgewater Township, Rice County, Minnesota.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the mill levy of the City of Northfield on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportion over a period of five (5) years to equality with the mill levy of the property already within the City. In the year following annexation the increase in the mill rate for city purposes on the property annexed shall not exceed $1/5$ of the difference between the current mill levy for city and township purposes. In the second year following annexation the increase in the mill rate on the property annexed shall not exceed $1/4$ of the then existing difference between the mill levy on the property annexed and the full mill levy for city purposes. In the third year following annexation the increase on the property annexed shall not exceed $1/3$ of the then existing difference. In the fourth year following annexation the increase in mill rate on the annexed property shall not exceed $1/2$ of the then existing difference. In the fifth year following annexation the property shall be taxed at the full city tax rate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that agricultural and other undeveloped

property within the area herein annexed which is not receiving or benefiting from full municipal services shall be accorded Rural Service District tax classification as provided for in City Ordinance No. 242.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1975

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Executive Secretary