STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRAINERD AND THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)))	<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Brainerd and the Town of Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, said joint resolution requests that certain property be annexed to the City of Brainerd 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

WHEREAS, Reorganization Order No. 192, effective March 8, 2005, has transferred the duties of the Director to the Chief Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2007, the Chief Administrative Law Judge has reviewed and accepted the resolution for orderly annexation;

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 Brainerd, Minnesota, the same

as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW½ NW½), Section 6, Township 44, Range 30, Crow Wing County, except the South 278.24 feet of the West 312.27 feet thereof, and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE½ NW½), Section 6, Township 44, Range 30, Crow Wing County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That pursuant to Minn. Stat. 414.036, the Town of Long Lake will be reimbursed by the City of Brainerd in accordance with the terms of Joint Resolution No. 01:07 signed by the City of Brainerd on January 3, 2007 and the Town of Long Lake on January 16, 2007.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2007.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge 658 Cedar Street, Room 300 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director

Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1315-1, the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds and makes the following comment:

Recent legislative amendments to Chapter 414 became effective on August 1, 2006.

Included in the amendments is a new subdivision that requires published notice prior to adopting an orderly annexation agreement. Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.0325, Subd. 1b states:

Subd. 1b. Notice of intent to designate an area. At least ten days before the municipality or township adopts an orderly annexation agreement, a notice of the intent to include property in an orderly annexation area must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in both the township and municipality. The notice must clearly identify the boundaries of the area proposed to be included in the orderly annexation agreement and the date, time, and place of the public informational meeting to be held as provided in section 414.0333. The cost of providing notice must be equally divided between the municipality and the township, unless otherwise agreed upon by the municipality and the township.

The Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation referenced above was signed after the effective date of the new law changes and therefore would have been subject to the Notice of intent to designate requirement of Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.0325 Subd. 1b.

For future reference, any new orderly annexation agreements must comply with this notice requirement.

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