#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

#### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW GERMANY  AND CAMDEN TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO  ) FINDINGS OF FACT  ) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW	IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION	1
AND CAMDEN TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO CONCLUSIONS OF LAW		) FINDINGS OF FACT
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 ) AND ORDER		) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 ) MIND ORDER	MINNESOTA STATUTES 414	) AND ORDER

The city resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of New Germany was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. The undersigned Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, acting under a delegation from the Chief Administrative Law Judge, hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of New Germany and Camden Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments.
- 2. A resolution adopted and submitted by the City of New Germany, requests annexation of part of the designated area described as follows:

That part of the North 33.00 feet of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 116, Range 26, lying west of the centerline of Carver County State Aid Highway No. 33.

- 3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1 (g) states that in certain circumstances the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation pursuant to the terms of a joint resolution for orderly annexation.
  - 5. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes

§414.0325, subd. 1 (g), including a provision that the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment but shall order the annexation within 30 days in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Office of Administrative Hearings has duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.
- 2. An order should be issued by the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge annexing the area described herein.

### ORDER

- 1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of New Germany, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.
- 2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, no reimbursement shall be made to the Township of Camden by the City of New Germany in accordance with the terms of the City Resolution No. 2008-17.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008.

For the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge P. O. Box 64620

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Municipal Boundary Adjustments

# <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1353-1, the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds and makes the following comment:

Section 15 states the agreement shall expire on December 31, 2030 unless the parties have agreed to an extension. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run afoul of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Chief Administrative Law Judge. Once jurisdiction is conferred, it cannot be taken away by written consent of the parties.

Jurisdiction ends when all the designated area is annexed. The issue whether jurisdiction could be "given back" by the Chief Administrative Law Judge upon written request of the parties to the agreement to mutually end their agreement has not been addressed.

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.