JOINT ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION FOR ANNEXATION BETWEEN

WELLS TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF FARIBAULT

TOWN OF WELLS RESOLUTION NO. <u>2006</u>-20 CITY OF FARIBAULT RESOLUTION NO. <u>2006</u>-253

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault (hereinafter referred to as the "City") and the Township of Wells (hereinafter referred to as the "Township"), both located entirely within Rice County, in the State of Minnesota, desire to accommodate growth in the most orderly fashion, and have agreed that there is a clear need for a cooperative future planning effort for the land governed by the two jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board and City Council have expressed their desire to encourage future development of land near the City so as to promote the development of municipal services and urban growth as much as is practical, while encouraging the retention of land in agricultural use and increasing the longevity of existing rural residential lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, a joint annexation agreement is beneficial to both parties from the standpoint of orderly planning and orderly transition of government within the area proposed to be annexed, and provides the guidelines under which such annexation shall take place; and

WHEREAS, property owners within the Township have requested the annexation of the property owners' land into the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and Township jointly request the annexation of the land described herein into the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions that follow that the City and Township enter into this Joint Annexation Agreement and Resolution for Annexation (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Resolution", "Joint Resolution and Agreement" or "Agreement") and that the property herein described is proposed to be annexed by the City and shall be annexed subject to the following terms and conditions:

Section I - Administration

1. Minnesota Municipal Board Jurisdiction. Upon approval by the Township Board and the City Council, this Joint Resolution shall confer jurisdiction upon the Minnesota Department of Administration, Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, Municipal Boundary Adjustments (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipal Boundary Adjustments") so as to accomplish said annexation in accordance with the terms of this Joint Resolution. This function is currently the responsibility of Municipal Boundary Adjustments. If upon dissolution of Municipal Boundary Adjustments, jurisdiction shall be conferred upon the board or entity so designated by State Statute.

- REC'D BY
- 2. Review and Comment by the Municipal Boundary Adjustments. The Township and City mutually agree and state that this Joint Resolution and Agreement sets forth all the conditions for annexation and that no consideration by Municipal Boundary Adjustments is necessary for individual annexations which occur in accordance with this agreement. Municipal Boundary Adjustments may review and comment, but shall, within thirty (30) days, order the annexation in accordance with the terms of this Joint Resolution.
- 3. <u>Authorization.</u> The applicable legislative bodies of the Township and City, as well as Municipal Boundary Adjustments, are hereby authorized to carry the terms of this Joint Resolution into effect.
- 4. <u>Severability and Repealer</u>. A determination that a provision of this Joint Resolution is unlawful or enforceable shall not effect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions herein. Any prior agreement or joint resolution existing between the parties and affecting the property described in the attached Exhibits shall be considered repealed upon the effective date of this Joint Resolution.
- 5. <u>State Statute</u>. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are created as an addition or compliment to the requirements for annexation required by law. The language contained herein shall in no way be deemed to circumvent or reduce requirements established by law. If changes to State Statute are enacted during the duration of this agreement that are more restrictive or otherwise negate the provisions herein, the State Statute shall rule.
- 6. <u>Effective Date/Applicability</u>. This Joint Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the legislative bodies of the Township and City and approved by the Municipal Boundary Adjustments. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless otherwise modified by a joint resolution of both the Township and the City.

Section II - Initiation of Annexation, Petition; Findings

1. <u>Property Subject to Annexation</u>. The land in the Township subject to annexation in accordance with this resolution and agreement and pursuant to State Statute, subject to the provisions contained herein, is as follows:

See Attached Exhibits A and B

(hereinafter referred to as the "OAA", "Orderly Annexation Area" or "Property"). This Agreement is only meant to apply to the Property as herein defined and not to any other parcels or land or area of the Township.

2. <u>Property Owner Petition</u>. The landowner, or combination of multiple landowners, of the Property adjacent to the municipal boundary of the City, have petitioned the City to annex the Property in accordance with this Agreement.

- 3. The City and Township determine and find that the Property:
 - a. is now, or is about to become, urban or suburban in character;
 - b. that municipal government in the area proposed for annexation is required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and
 - c. that the annexation would be in the best interest of the Property, the City and the Township.

Section III - Municipal Reimbursement

<u>Municipal Reimbursement</u>. The City and Township mutually agree and state that, there are no taxes collected on the Property, therefore, there will be no reimbursement.

Section IV - Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions.

1. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices required under the provision of this Joint Resolution shall be in writing and sufficiently given if delivered in person or sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

If to the City:

City of Faribault

208 NW 1st Avenue

Faribault, MN 55021-5105 ATTN: City Administrator

If to the Township:

Marlene Pohl

Clerk, Wells Township 15687 Dover Trail Faribault, MN 55021

- 2. <u>Authorization</u>. The appropriate officers of the City and Town are hereby authorized to carry the terms of this Joint Resolution into effect.
- 3. Governing Law. This Joint Resolution is made pursuant to, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- 4. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. The terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions of this Joint Resolution, including the present and all future attachments, shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto, superseding all prior agreements and respective successors and assigns of the City and Township.

Approved this 11 th day of Occembe	, 2006 by the Township of Wells.
	Donald Langer
	Chair
	Marlens E. Pohl
	Clerk
Approved this 12th day of December, 2006 by the City of Faribault.	
	Carrela
	Mayor
	Crandy Wash
	City Administrator

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EXHIBIT A

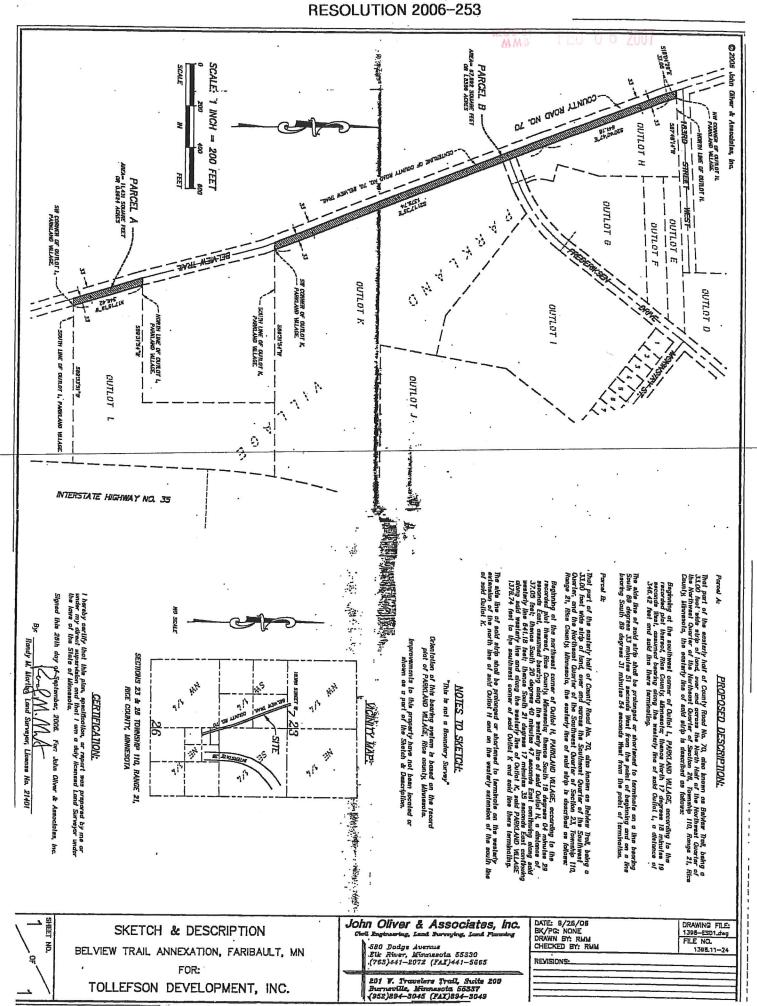


EXHIBIT B RESOLUTION 2006-253

