

OA-357-69 Mankato
City Resolution Dated 11-28-05
Town Waiver Dated 11-22-05

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Mankato indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Mankato 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 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.

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2005, the Chief Administrative Law Judge 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 Mankato, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

That part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 108 North, Range 26 West, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, described as:

Commencing at the center of Section 5; thence North 02 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds

East, (assumed bearing) along the East line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, a distance of 649.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds West, 166.60 feet to the centerline of Fletcher Road, also being the northerly extension of the center line of Fourth Street according to the plat of Duke's Park, on file in the office of the Blue Earth County Recorder; thence South 08 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds West, along the road centerline, 181.20 feet; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds West, 235.30 feet to the easterly right of way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 22; thence southerly along the easterly Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 22 right of way line, 195 feet to the northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 14; thence easterly along the northerly U.S. Highway No. 14 right of way line, 530 feet to the East line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5; thence North 02 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East, along the East line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, a distance of 376.31 feet to the point of beginning.

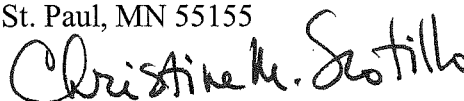
Commencing at a point in the center of the County Highway 481.80 feet North of the East and West center line of Section 5, Township 108, Range 26, thence West to the easterly line of right of way of Trunk Highway Number 5, thence Northeasterly along said easterly right of way line to the point of intersection of said right of way line and said center line of said County Highway, thence south along said center line of County Highway to the place of beginning.

All that part of the so-called Fletcher Road also known as the northerly extension of the center line of Fourth Street according to the plat of Duke's Park, City of Mankato, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5 Township 108 North Range 26 West, lying northerly of the northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 14 and lying southerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the center of Section 5; thence North 02 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds east (assumed bearing) along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, a distance of 649.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds West, 166.60 feet to a point on the center line of said Fletcher Road; thence continuing South 88 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds West, 33.23 feet to a point on the westerly right of way line of said Fletcher Road and there terminating.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2005.

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



Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-357-69, the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds and makes the following comment:

Planning in the area designated for orderly annexation must be provided for by one of three provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, Subd. 5. The joint resolution does not make reference to which of the three statutory provisions the parties have agreed on to govern planning in the designated area.

Minnesota Statutes Section 414.036 specifically allows for municipal reimbursement in an order issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325. Such reimbursement to the township of property taxes must be 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 Chief Administrative Law Judge. Article VIII of the agreement provides for a division of tax revenue from an annexed area, based upon an eight year schedule. By making this order, no determination is made as to the effectiveness of such a schedule.

Article XII states the agreement shall expire within 20 years unless an extension is requested by the parties in writing. 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. See Section II. 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. *Cms*