

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION)	
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD)	<u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>
AND BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO)	<u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)	<u>AND ORDER</u>

The joint resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Northfield and Bridgewater Township 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 Northfield and Bridgewater Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments.

2. A joint resolution adopted and submitted by the City of Northfield and Bridgewater Township, requests annexation of part of the designated area described as follows:

The North 33.00 feet of the NE ¼ of Section 35; and the North 33.00 feet of the NW ¼ of Section 35; and the North 33.00 feet of the NE ¼ of Section 34; and the North 33.00 feet of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 34; and a 66.00 foot wide strip of land over and across the N ½ of Section 34, the centerline of which is described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the NE ¼ of said Section 34; thence south

00 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds west, assumed bearing, along the west line of said NE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 585.99 feet; thence southwesterly long a tangential curve, concave to the northwest, having a radius of 150.00 feet, a central angle of 50 degrees 09 minutes 58 seconds, a distance of 131.33 feet; thence south 50 degrees 39 minutes 34 seconds west, a distance of 79.75 feet to the centerline of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 19 and there terminating; all in Township 112, Range 20, Rice County, Minnesota.

3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h) 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.

4. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h), 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 Northfield, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, Bridgewater Township will be reimbursed by the City of Northfield in accordance with the terms of Joint Resolution No. 2009-

057/2009-11 signed by the City on June 23, 2009 and the Township on July 8, 2009.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2009.

For the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine M. Scotillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments