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February 17, 1981

Mr. Mark Winkler
Deputy Secretary of State
c/o Donna Scott
State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: Municipal Board Docket Number D-144 Altura

Dear Mr. Winkler:

The subject order of the Minnesota Municipal Board makes the following changes in the population of the named units of government:

The population of City of Altura

is increased by no change

The population of Town of Norton

is decreased by no change

A new municipality named _____


has been created with a population of _____

The _____

has been dissolved.

Official date of the Order February 6, 1981, effective date February 6, 1981

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Department of Revenue
c/o Wallace O. Dahl, Director
Tax Research Division
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION AND RESOLUTION)
FOR THE DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN LAND FROM THE)
CITY OF ALTURA PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES)
414.06)

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414 as amended, on January 9, 1980 and April 2, 1980 at Altura, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Terrence A. Merritt, Executive Director, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subd. 12. The petitioners were represented by Harold S. Streater and the City of Altura was represented by Stephen J. Delano. Testimony was heard and records and exhibits were received.

After due and careful consideration of all evidence together with all records, files, and proceedings, the Minnesota Municipal Board hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. That a petition was duly filed with the Municipal Board on October 25, 1979 by more than 75% of the property owners requesting detachment from the City of Altura.

II. The petition contained all the information required by statute including a description of the territory proposed for detachment which is as follows:

All of Section Nineteen (19) and the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Twenty (20), Township One Hundred Seven (107) North, of Range Nine (9), West, Winona County, Minnesota.

III. The area proposed for detachment is situated within the City of Altura and abuts the municipal boundary.

IV. The area proposed for detachment is approximately 960 acres.

V. The total area of the City of Altura is approximately 1920 acres.

VI. The area proposed for detachment is primarily rural in character with two parcels developed for commercial purposes.

VII. The number and character of buildings on the concerned area are as follows:

approximately 40 buildings, primarily farm buildings, houses and also a grain drying unit and a greenhouse.

VIII. Municipal improvements in the area is: The maintenance of the road to the James Schultz farm.

IX. The City of Altura has outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred for streets, fire hall and a new well.

- X. That payment on these bonds will be completed by 1996, with the majority of bonds retired before that time.
- XI. That the assessed valuation of the area proposed for detachment is: \$194,076.00.
- XII. That the assessed valuation of the City of Altura is: \$1,389,871.00.
- XIII. The area proposed for detachment is 14% of the value of the city of Altura.
- XIV. In 1978-79 the area proposed for detachment was approximately 12% of the City of Altura's value and paid approximately 12% of the taxes for the City of Altura.
- XV. The present estimated population of the City of Altura is 334.
- XVI. The population of the area subject to detachment is approximately 25.
- XVII. The area abuts the township of Norton.
- XVIII. The adoption of a reasonable rural service taxing district would best serve the affected area and Altura.
- XIX. The City of Altura filed a copy of its Ordinance dividing the area of the City of Altura between as urban service district and a rural service district with the Municipal Board on December 2, 1980 and it was reviewed by the Municipal Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- I. The Minnesota Municipal Board duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.
- II. The detachment affects the symmetry of Altura.
- III. The detachment would impact upon the City of Altura's viability as a city.
- IV. The rural service taxing district is reasonable.
- V. An order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Board denying the petition for detachment of the area described herein.

ORDER

- I. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the petition for detachment of the area described herein be, and the same hereby is denied.
- II. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is February 6, 1981.

DATED This 6th day of February, 1981

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Terrence A. Merritt

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Executive Director