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DOA PETITION FILE NO. 12800

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Subject: RIPPLE-SONNTAG-MORLEY ANNEXATION

The proposed annexation submitted to our office on February 1, 2006, has been reviewed and found to be in the public interest

The subject petition is for territory that is reasonably shaped and contiguous to the City of MADISON. No annexation questionnaires were returned by either municipality.

The Department reminds clerks of annexing municipalities of the requirements of s. 66.0217 (9)(a), Wis Stats., which states:

"The clerk of a city or village which has annexed shall file immediately with the secretary of state a certified copy of the ordinance, certificate and plat, and shall send one copy to each company that provides any utility service in the area that is annexed. The clerk shall record the ordinance with the register of deeds and file a signed copy of the ordinance with the clerk of any affected school district."

State and federal aids based on population and equalized value may be significantly affected through failure to file with the Secretary of State. Please file a copy of your annexing ordinance, including a statement certifying the population of the annexed territory. **Please also include the MBR number with your ordinance as this assists with record keeping. Your MBR number is: 12800**

The address of the Office of the Secretary of State is:

Annexations and Railroads  
Division of Government Records  
Office of the Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 7848  
Madison, WI 53707-7848

I am enclosing a copy of 2003 Act 317 with this annexation review letter as this Act could affect passage of any annexation ordinance.

Please call me at (608) 266-0683, should you have any questions concerning this annexation review letter

Sincerely,



George Hall  
Municipal Boundary Review

Cc: Attorney Ronald M. Trachtenberg

2003 Senate Bill 87

Date of enactment: April 22, 2004  
Date of publication\*: May 6, 2004

## 2003 WISCONSIN ACT 317

AN ACT to renumber and amend 66.0223; to amend 66.0217 (2), 66.0217 (3) (intro), 66.0219 (intro) and 66.0221 (1); and to create 66.0217 (11) (c), 66.0217 (14), 66.0219 (10), 66.0221 (3) and 66.0223 (2) of the statutes; relating to: limiting the authority of cities and villages to annex territory and specifying the boundaries for certain annexations

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 66.0217 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0217 (2) DIRECT ANNEXATION BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. If Except as provided in sub. (14), and subject to s. 66.0307 (7), if a petition for direct annexation signed by all of the electors residing in the territory and the owners of all of the real property in the territory is filed with the city or village clerk, and with the town clerk of the town or towns in which the territory is located, together with a scale map and a legal description of the property to be annexed, an annexation ordinance for the annexation of the territory may be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of the governing body of the city or village without compliance with the notice requirements of sub. (4). In an annexation under this subsection, subject to sub. (6), the person filing the petition with the city or village clerk and the town clerk shall, within 5 days of the filing, mail a copy of the scale map and a legal description of the territory to be annexed to the department and the governing body shall review the advice of the department, if any, before enacting the annexation ordinance

SECTION 2. 66.0217 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0217 (3) OTHER METHODS OF ANNEXATION (intro) Subject to s. 66.0307 (7), and except as provided in sub. (14), territory contiguous to a city or village may be annexed to the city or village in the following ways:

SECTION 3. 66.0217 (11) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0217 (11) (c) No action on any grounds, whether procedural or jurisdictional, to contest the validity of an annexation under sub. (2), may be brought by any town

SECTION 4. 66.0217 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0217 (14) LIMITATIONS ON ANNEXATION AUTHORITY. (a) 1 Except as provided in subd. 2, no territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section unless the city or village agrees to pay annually to the town, for 5 years, an amount equal to the amount of property taxes that the town levied on the annexed territory, as shown by the tax roll under s. 70.65, in the year in which the annexation is final

2. No payments under subd. 1. must be made if the city or village, and the town, enter into a boundary agreement under s. 66.0225, 66.0301, or 66.0307.

(b) No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section if no part of the city or village is located

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02: Effective date of acts "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment]

in the same county as the territory that is subject to the proposed annexation unless all of the following occur:

1. The town board adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

2. The county board of the county in which the territory is located adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

**SECTION 5.** 66.0219 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

**66.0219 Annexation by referendum initiated by city or village.** (intro.) As a complete alternative to any other annexation procedure, and subject to sub. (10) and s. 66.0307 (7), unincorporated territory which contains electors and is contiguous to a city or village may be annexed to the city or village under this section. The definitions in s. 66.0217 (1) apply to this section.

**SECTION 6.** 66.0219 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

**66.0219 (10) LIMITATIONS ON ANNEXATION AUTHORITY.** (a) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2, no territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section unless the city or village agrees to pay annually to the town, for 5 years, an amount equal to the amount of property taxes that the town levied on the annexed territory, as shown by the tax roll under s. 70.65, in the year in which the annexation is final.

2. No payments under subd. 1 must be made if the city or village, and the town, enter into a boundary agreement under s. 66.0225, 66.0301, or 66.0307.

(b) No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section if no part of the city or village is located in the same county as the territory that is subject to the proposed annexation unless all of the following occur:

1. The town board adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

2. The county board of the county in which the territory is located adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

**SECTION 7.** 66.0221 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

**66.0221 (1)** Upon its own motion and subject to sub. (3) and s. 66.0307 (7), a city or village, by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of its governing body, may enact an ordinance annexing territory which comprises a portion of a town or towns and which was completely surrounded by territory of the city or village on December 2, 1973. The ordinance shall include all surrounded town areas except those that are exempt by mutual agreement of all of the governing bodies involved. The annexation ordinance shall contain a legal description of the territory and the name of the town or towns from which the territory is detached. Upon enactment of the ordinance, the city or village clerk immediately shall file 6 certified copies of the ordinance in the office of the secretary of state, together with 6 copies of a scale map. The secretary of state shall forward 2 copies of the ordinance

and scale map to the department of transportation, one copy to the department of natural resources, one copy to the department of revenue and one copy to the department of administration. This subsection does not apply if the town island was created only by the annexation of a railroad right-of-way or drainage ditch. This subsection does not apply to land owned by a town government which has existing town government buildings located on the land. No town island may be annexed under this subsection if the island consists of over 65 acres or contains over 100 residents. Section 66.0217 (11) applies to annexations under this subsection. Except as provided in sub. (2), after December 2, 1973, no city or village may, by annexation, create a town area which is completely surrounded by the city or village.

**SECTION 8.** 66.0221 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

**66.0221 (3) (a) 1.** Except as provided in subd. 2, no territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section unless the city or village agrees to pay annually to the town, for 5 years, an amount equal to the amount of property taxes that the town levied on the annexed territory, as shown by the tax roll under s. 70.65, in the year in which the annexation is final.

2. No payments under subd. 1 must be made if the city or village, and the town, enter into a boundary agreement under s. 66.0225, 66.0301, or 66.0307.

(b) No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section if no part of the city or village is located in the same county as the territory that is subject to the proposed annexation unless all of the following occur:

1. The town board adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

2. The county board of the county in which the territory is located adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

**SECTION 9.** 66.0223 of the statutes is renumbered 66.0223 (1) and amended to read:

**66.0223 (1)** In addition to other methods provided by law and subject to sub. (2) and ss. 59.692 (7) and 66.0307 (7), territory owned by and lying near but not necessarily contiguous to a village or city may be annexed to a village or city by ordinance enacted by the board of trustees of the village or the common council of the city, provided that in the case of noncontiguous territory the use of the territory by the city or village is not contrary to any town or county zoning regulation. The ordinance shall contain the exact description of the territory annexed and the names of the towns from which detached, and attaches the territory to the village or city upon the filing of 7 certified copies of the ordinance in the office of the secretary of state, together with 7 copies of a plat showing the boundaries of the territory attached. Two copies of the ordinance and plat shall be forwarded by the secretary of state to the department of transportation, one copy to the department of administration, one copy to the department

of natural resources, one copy to the department of revenue and one copy to the department of public instruction. Within 10 days of filing the certified copies, a copy of the ordinance and plat shall be mailed or delivered to the clerk of the county in which the annexed territory is located. Section 66.0217 (11) applies to annexations under this section.

**SECTION 10.** 66.0223 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0223 (2) No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this section if no part of the city or village is located in the same county as the territory that is subject to the proposed annexation unless all of the following occur:

(a) The town board adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation

(b) The county board of the county in which the territory is located adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation

(c) The city or village, and the town, enter into a boundary agreement under s. 66.0225, 66.0301, or 66.0307

**SECTION 11. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to any annexation that has not taken effect on the effective date of this subsection.