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In re Annexation of Certain Real Property to City of Proctor From Midway Township

Court of Appeals of Minnesota - April 9, 2018 - N.W.2d - 2018 WL 1701904

Adjacent city and adjacent township sought review of administrative order approving annexing city's annexation of certain land.

The District Court vacated administrative order. Annexing city appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- Statutory subdivision governing initiation of annexation, for an area that has been designated as in need of orderly annexation, does not preclude other methods of annexation within the designated area beyond the two methods listed in that subdivision, and
- Orderly annexation statute, providing that provisions of an orderly annexation agreement are not
 preempted by statute unless agreement specifically provides so, and that if an orderly annexation
 agreement provides the exclusive procedures by which an unincorporated property may be
 annexed to municipality, municipality shall not annex that property by any other procedure, does
 not preclude a nonparty to an orderly annexation agreement from seeking to annex real property
 within the designated area by ordinance.

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