

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

**STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

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**In the matter of:**

**State Boundary Commission  
Docket # 12-I-1**

**The proposed Incorporation of the  
Village of Jonesville as a  
Home Rule City in Hillsdale County.**

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**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS,  
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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1. On April 20, 2012, a petition was filed with the State Boundary Commission requesting that the Village of Jonesville be incorporated as a Home Rule City.
2. On July 26, 2012, the State Boundary Commission staff issued its comments to the commission after reviewing the petition for legal sufficiency. Staff stated “Based upon our review of the content of the petition, we are of the opinion that the petition to request the incorporation of the Village of Jonesville and portions of Fayette Township as a Home Rule City, Docket #12-I-1, meets legal sufficiency.”
3. On August 8, 2012, at an adjudicative meeting, the State Boundary Commission examined the petition for legal sufficiency at a meeting held in Okemos. Local Commissioner Boyd moved and Local Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion that the petition be found as legally sufficient. The Commissioners present voted unanimously to declare this petition legally sufficient; they also voted to expand the area proposed for incorporation for receiving comment and scheduled the public hearing in Jonesville for October 17, 2012.
4. On October 17, 2012, the Commission held a public hearing in Jonesville. The 30-Day comment period expired on November 16, 2012; and the 7-Day rebuttal period expired on December 10, 2012.

5. On January 16, 2013, at an adjudicative session, Commissioner Dixon moved and Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion to recommend that the LARA Director approve the proposed incorporation of the Village of Jonesville and portions of Fayette Township as a Home Rule City with the boundaries as described in the petition. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the LARA Director approve the proposed incorporation of the Village of Jonesville and portions of Fayette Township as a Home Rule City with the boundaries as described in the petition. The legal description of the proposed City of Jonesville is shown in Attachment A.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. After evaluating the criteria stipulated under Section 9 of 1968 PA 191, the commission determines that:
  - a. The Village of Jonesville has a population of 2,258 according to the 2010 Census. The population threshold to incorporate as a Home Rule City is met.
  - b. The Village of Jonesville currently provides most of the services of a Home Rule City to its residents.
  - c. Tax assessing and collection and the holding of elections (services that are currently provided by Fayette Township) can be effectively provided by the proposed City to its residents.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The State Boundary Commission has considered the criteria stipulated under Section 9 of 1968 PA 191, and the testimony and information contained within the record of this docket, and has come to the conclusion that this information supports its unanimous decision to recommend that the proposed incorporation of the Village of Jonesville as a Home Rule City be approved by the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
2. Pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order 1996-2, this approval is contingent on the concurrence of the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

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Dennis Schornack, Chairman  
State Boundary Commission

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Date

# ATTACHMENT A

## **Legal Description of Proposed City of Jonesville**

Land lying within the Township of Fayette, the County of Hillsdale and State of Michigan described as follows:

The West ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also Section 4, Town 6 South, Range 3 West, EXCEPT that portion of Lot 8, Maumee Sites as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 5, Hillsdale County Records, which lies within said Section 4; ALSO that portion of Lot 9 of said plat of Maumee Sites which lies within the NE ¼ of Section 9, Town 6 South, Range 3 West;

Also the Northeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also that portion of the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West which lies North of the Southerly right-of-way line of Chicago Road;

Also that portion of Section 5 and Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West contained within the following two plats: Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 10 of Plats on Pages 89 thru 95, Hillsdale County Records AND Amended Plat of Lots 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and Part of Industrial Parkway, in the Recorded Plat of Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Plats on Pages 17 thru 22, Hillsdale County Records; Also all lands contained within the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West located outside of said plat of Jonesville Industrial Park;

Also the Northwest ¼ of Section 9, Town 6 South, Range 3 West AND that portion of the North ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 9 which lies East of the West line of the 150 foot wide right-of-way of M-99 and West of the West right-of-way line of Beck Road EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 2,593.80 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; ALSO EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 1,613.70 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; Also that portion of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 9 lying westerly of the thread of the St. Joseph River (formally known as Mill Pond prior to removal of dam creating said pond);

Also the West ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 32, Town 5 South, Range 3 West EXCEPT the following described parcel: Beginning at the South ¼ Corner of said Section 32; thence South 89 degrees, 16 minutes East 270.15 feet along the South line of said Section 32; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes East 2011.76 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 26 minutes West 269.90 feet; thence Southerly along the North-South ¼ line of said Section 32 to the Point of Beginning for this exception;

Also the Southeast ¼ and Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Town 5 South, Range 3 West; Also two parcels of land identified by the following two tax identification numbers: 06-033-100-036-33-5-3 and 06-033-100-035-33-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said two parcels of land being described as follows: All land within the NW ¼ of said Section 33 which lies East of the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99, West of the Westerly right-of-way line of Penn Central Railroad and South of a line which connects the East right-of-way line of Highway M-99 with the West right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad, said line being described as: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 06 seconds East along the East-West ¼ line of said Section 33 a distance of 1250.48 feet to the centerline of Highway M-99, said point being recorded as West 1385.13 feet from the Center corner of said Section 33; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said Highway centerline 640.68 feet (record 642.3 feet); thence North 76 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East 75.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said Highway M-99; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said right-of-way line 198.40 feet; thence continuing along said right-of-way line Northwesterly 31.48 feet on the arc of a curve to the left with a radius of 1984.86 feet, a central angle of 000 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds and a chord which bears North 13 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West 31.48 feet to the Point of Beginning for the line connecting said right-of-ways; thence North 83 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 220.79 feet to the Northeast corner of the parcel described in Liber 1179, Page 970, Hillsdale County Records; thence North 06 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West 16.16 feet; thence Easterly to a point on the Westerly Right-of-way line for Penn Central Railroad which lies 892 feet (as measured along the Westerly right-of-way line for said railroad) from the East-West ¼ line of said Section 33 to the Point of Ending for said line; Also all land within the NW ¼ of said Section 33, which lies Easterly of the Westerly right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad; Also the South 1,171.50 feet of the West 297 feet of the NE ¼ of said Section 33; Also that portion of Highway M-99 right-of-way lying North of the East-West quarter line of said Section 33 and South of the Northerly right-of-way line of Genesee Road extended eastward to its intersection with the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99;

Also five parcels of land lying within the SW ¼ of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West identified by the following five tax identification numbers: 06-034-300-003-34-5-3, 06-034-300-011-34-5-3, 06-034-300-013-34-5-3, 06-034-300-014-34-5-3 and 06-034-300-015-34-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said five parcels of land being described as follows: The South ½ of the following tract of land described in the Record of Proceedings filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on February 17, 1995, viz: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West, running thence South to the center of Chicago Road; thence Easterly along the center of the said Chicago Road, far enough with the subsequent boundaries to contain 20 acres of land; thence Northerly to a

point on the  $\frac{1}{4}$  line 32 rods East of the aforesaid Northwest corner (being the starting point of this description); thence West 32 rods to the place of beginning.

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