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Prescribed by the State Board of Accounts

TAX TITLE DEED TO COUNTY

Whereas the LAKE County Board of Commissioners did the 3rd day of April, 2000 produced to the County of LAKE, in the State of Indiana, a certificate of sale dated the 20th day of September, 1999, signed by PETER BENJAMIN who, at the date of sale, was Auditor of the County, from which it appears that said County on the 20th day of September, 1999, obtained, pursuant to law, the real property described in this indenture for the sum of THREE THOUSAND, SEVENTY-FOUR AND 32/100 DOLLARS (\$3,074.32) being the amount due on the following tracts of land returned delinquent in the name SMELTZER DALE W for 1998 and prior years, namely:

26-36-0064-0016 Property ID:

Property Address: 5634 ALICE AVE HAMMOND, IN. 46320

LOT 16, BLOCK 2, IN H.W. SOHL'S FIFTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HAMMOND, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 10, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Such real property has been recorded in the Office of the LAKE County Auditor as delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes and proper notice of the sale has been given. It appearing that LAKE County is the owner of the certificate of sale, that the time of redeeming such real property has expired, that the property has not been redeemed, that the LAKE County Commissioners have demanded a deed for the real property described in the certificate of sale, that the records of LAKE County Auditor's Office state that the real property was legally liable for taxation, and the real property has been duly assessed and property charged on the duplicate with the taxes and special assessments for 1998 and prior years:

Therefore, this indenture, made this 3rd day of April, 2000 between the State of Indiana by PETER BENJAMIN, Auditor of LAKE County, of the first part, and LAKE County of the second part, witnesseth; That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, has granted and bargained and conveyed to the party of the second part, the real property described in the certificate of sale, situated in the County of LAKE, and the State of Indiana, namely and more particularly described as follows:

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to have and to hold such real property, with the appurtenances belonging thereto, in as full and ample a manner as the Auditor of said County is empowered by law to convey the same.

In testimony where of PETER BENJAMIN, Auditor of LAKE County, has hereunto set his hand, and affixed the seal of the Board of County Commissioners, the day and year last above mentioned

PETER BENJAMIN, Auditor of LAKE County Treasurer: LAKE County }SS.

State of INDIANA

County of LAKE

Before me, the undersigned, Anna Anton in and for said County, this day, personally came the above name PETER BENJAMIN of said County, and acknowledged that he signed and sealed the foregoing deed for the users and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____

Anna Anton, Clerk of LAKE County

This instrument prepared by Lee J. Christakis, Attorney

870 Broadway, Suite G., Merrillville, IN 46410

Post Office Address of grantee: 2293 N. Main Street

Crown Point, IN 46307