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STATE OF INDIANA)) ss	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
COUNTY OF LAKE)	CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA

IN RE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 7513 Marshall Ave., Hammond, IN 46323

FINDINGS AND ORDER

COMES NOW the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety, the statutory designated Hearing Authority, acting under the authority of the Unsafe Building Act, Indiana Code 36-7-9-1 et seq., and in response to the Notice to Repair or Demolish issued by the Hammond Inspections Department, by its Building Commissioner, on December 5, 2011, now finds as follows:

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 The matter appears before the Board of Public Works and Safety, brought by
 the Hammond Inspections Department, as Enforcement Authority (I.C. 36-79-2) by its Building Commissioner.
- 2. The City of Hammond, through its Enforcement Authority, has identified the above listed property as being a building or structure that is unsafe to person or property; a fire or health hazard; a public nuisance and due to condition or vacancy in violation of City Ordinance concerning Building Condition or Maintenance. (I.C. 36-7-9-4)
- 3. Pursuant to these findings, and acting to eliminate blight and protect public health and safety, the Enforcement Authority issued notice of the condition

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- of the above listed property, and required that the above listed property be repaired or demolished, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-5.
- 4. This Notice to Repair or Demolish complied with I.C. 36-7-9-5 and contained the required information including in part, the name of the person to whom the ordered was issued, a legal description and common address of the unsafe premises, the action requested on the unsafe property, the time frame permitted for compliance and notice of the time, date and place of a scheduled hearing before the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety.
- 5. Service was made upon all parties possessing a known or recorded fee interest, life estate interest, substantial property interest, or equitable interest in the above listed property, as determined from information maintained by the Lake County Recorder.
- 6. Service on the above listed property was made upon, in the following manner on the following dates: County Recorder!

Timothy MacFarlane, certified mail, 12/9/11

Marcia Gelon, General Adjuster, Kemper Unitrin Preferred Ins. Co., certified mail, 12/7/11

Lake County Treasurer, certified mail, 12/6/11

Bank of America, NA Attn: Highest Ranking Officer, certified mail, 12/8/11

Bank of America, NA Attn: Highest Ranking Officer, ReconTrust Co., certified mail, 12/8/11

Bank of America, NA c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent, certified mail, 12/7/11

Bank of America, NA Attn: Highest Ranking Officer, Corporate Headquarters, certified mail, 12/8/11

Indiana Dept of Revenue Attn: Tax Warrants, certified mail, 12/7/11

Erik Zamudio, certified mail, returned

Erik Zamudio, regular mail, returned

Erik Zamudio, by publication in <u>The Times</u> on 12/28/11 and 12/29/11

Erik Zamudio, by regular mail, 4914 Olcott, Avenue, East Chicago, IN on January 25, 2013.

Erik Zamudio, taped to door of property on January 27, 2013

Any and All Unknown Tenants, posted on premises & regular mail

This above manner of service complies with the statutory requirements, and the Hearing Authority determines that a reasonable effort has been made to obtain service.

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- 7. A hearing on the Notice and Order to Repair of Demolish was held before the Hammond Board of Public Works, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-7 on Thursday January 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., was continued to April 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and was conducted on that date by the hearing authority at a public meeting.
- 8. On January 18, 2012 Erik Zamudio entered an Agreement to Rehabilitate the property at this location. The Agreement expired on April 16, 2012 and the work listed in the Agreement was not completed. The City of Hammond received complaints from neighboring property owners concerning the unrepaired condition of the property. Based upon the breach of the Agreement, the property was re-set for Demolition hearing. Mr. Zamudio did

- not appear during the hearing.
- 9. The property listed above was not substantially repaired nor demolished by the property owner prior to the scheduled hearing and the Notice and Order to Repair or Demolish issued by the Hammond Inspections Department proposes demolition of the unsafe property above, and that recommendation is reasonably related to the condition of the property, the failure of the owners of the property to remedy the condition, and given the nature and use of nearby properties. (36-7-9-5)
- 10. Demolition of the unsafe property is necessary and reasonable in relation to the present condition of the property, which requires services of the government in excess of ordinary property, and which creates a negative effect on property values, as well as affects the quality of life, and use, of the surrounding area in the City of Hammond.

NOW THEREFORE it is the finding and decision of the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety to AFFIRM the Notice and Order to Repair and Demolish issued by the Enforcement Authority on the above named unsafe building. This affirmation shall be an ORDER to demolish the structure which shall be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, with demolition of the property to subsequently follow. The costs of this demolition shall be assessed against the property, and shall constitute a lien on the property.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of April 2013

Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety

President
Vice President

Member

Attest: Lavilette

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each and every Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law.

evin C. Smith

This instrument prepared by:

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