



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:

VF Tax, LLC. Attn: Member or Manager, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;

VF Tax, LLC. c/o Corporation Service Company, R/A, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;

Tom Ogrodowski, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;

Lake County Treasurer, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;

Lake County Commissioners c/o Attorney John Dull; , Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;

Any and All Unknown Tenants, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication;  
and

Posting Notice on the premises.

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.

7. A hearing on the Notice and Order to Repair or Demolish was held before the Hammond Board of Public Works, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-7 on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., and was conducted on that date by the hearing authority at a public meeting.
8. Attorney Christian Bartholomew appeared on behalf of the owner, however, no repairs have been made to date.
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. Pursuant to I. C. 36-7-9-12, the costs of the demolition, and any other action required by this Order, as well as the processing expenses incurred by the enforcement authority to obtain reliable information about the identity and location of persons with a substantial interest in the property, as well as the cost of notice of

orders and hearings shall constitute a lien on the property. The Board now finds processing expenses incurred in the amount of \$434.13.

SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Stanley Postolmi  
Vice President

Jerry Smith  
Member

Attest: Don Lawlette

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.

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Kevin C. Smith  
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