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# City Of East Chicago Building Department

Division of Inspections & Permits/Code Enforcement  
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August 25, 2014

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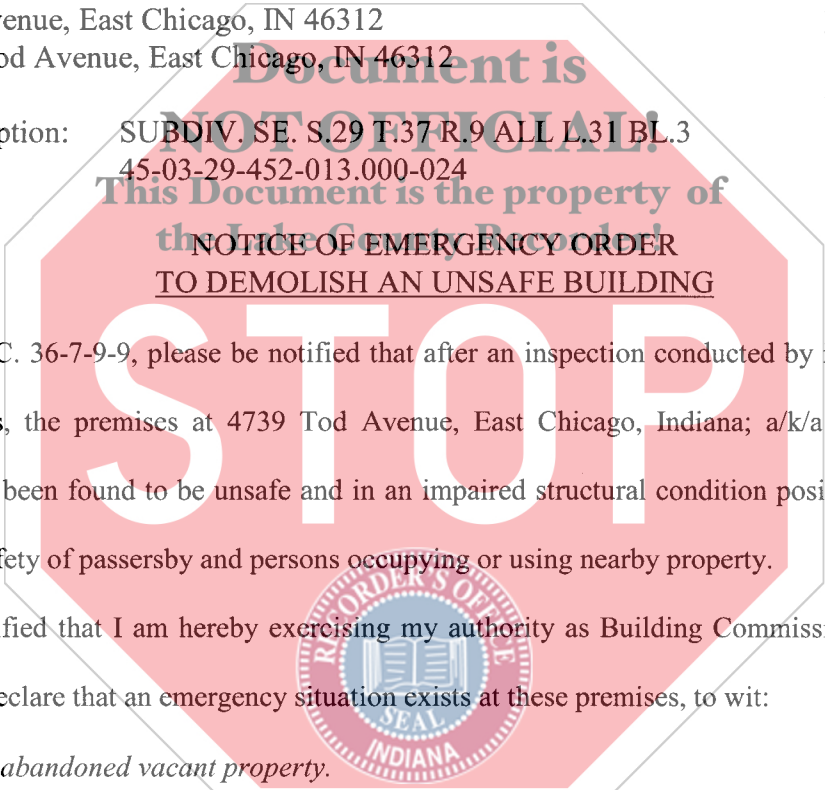
TO: Daisy Griffith  
531 W. Columbus Drive  
East Chicago, IN 46312

Joshua B. Jones  
964 Wilcox Street  
Hammond, IN 46320

RE: 4739 Tod Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312  
a/k/a 4741 Tod Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312

Legal Description: SUBDIV. SE. S.29 T.37 R.9 ALL L.31 BL.3  
Key No.: 45-03-29-452-013.000-024

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MICHAEL BROWN  
RECORDER  
STATE OF INDIANA  
CLAY COUNTY  
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Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-9, please be notified that after an inspection conducted by inspectors of the Building and Fire Departments, the premises at 4739 Tod Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana; a/k/a 4741 Tod Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, has been found to be unsafe and in an impaired structural condition posing an imminent danger to the life, health, and safety of passersby and persons occupying or using nearby property.

Please be notified that I am hereby exercising my authority as Building Commissioner for the City of East Chicago, Indiana, to declare that an emergency situation exists at these premises, to wit:

1. This is an abandoned vacant property.
2. Property scene of extensive fire damage which occurred on 08/25/2014.
3. Visible roof collapse - partially collapsed into center of structure, leaving remaining walls, etc. unstable and on verge of collapse.
4. Upper section of rear structure partially collapsed as a result of extensive fire damage.
5. Fire Department personnel unable to control/extinguish fire resulting in emergency demolition of said structure to protect the life and safety of the public - neighboring properties, passersby, and vehicular traffic.

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6. *Structure is in violation of I.C. 36-7-9-4, under the Unsafe Building Law:*
- a) *is in an impaired structural condition that makes it unsafe to a person or property;*
  - b) *a hazard to the public health;*
  - c) *a public nuisance;*
  - d) *dangerous to a person or property because of a violation of a statute or ordinance concerning building condition or maintenance; and not maintained in a manner that would allow human habitation, occupancy, or use and considered an unsafe building.*

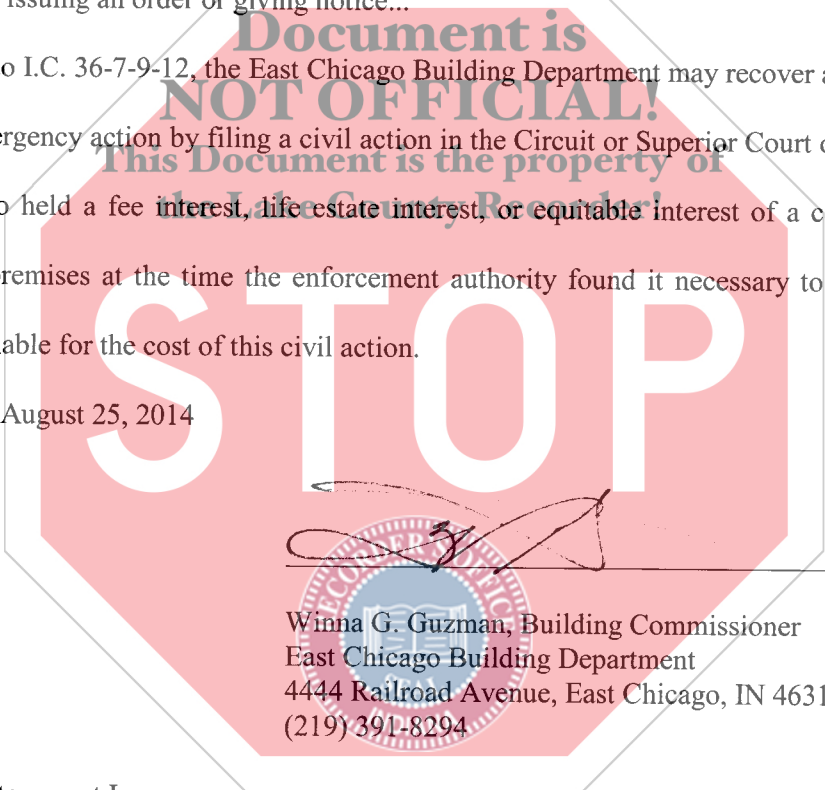
Therefore, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-9-9(a), please be advised that I have issued an order to an independent contractor to remove the imminent danger at said premises immediately, to wit: *demolish and remove the entire unsafe structure.* In the event that there is any personal property in these unsafe premises when the demolition to remove the imminent danger begins and should the unremoved personal property also be demolished, the City of East Chicago will not be responsible or liable for the demolished personal property in the unsafe premises.

Indiana Code 36-7-9-9(a) reads in relevant part as follows:

“If the enforcement authority finds it necessary to take emergency action concerning an unsafe premises in order to protect life, safety, or property, it may take that action without issuing an order or giving notice...”

Also, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-12, the East Chicago Building Department may recover any costs incurred by the enforcement of this emergency action by filing a civil action in the Circuit or Superior Court of Lake County, Indiana, against the persons who held a fee interest, life estate interest, or equitable interest of a contract purchaser in the unsafe and hazardous premises at the time the enforcement authority found it necessary to take emergency action. This department is not liable for the cost of this civil action.

DATED: August 25, 2014



Winna G. Guzman, Building Commissioner  
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Cc: Kevin Smith, Attorney at Law  
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