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East Chicago Building Department

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*Via First Class Mail &
Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested*

TO: Mr. Hector Lopez
7404 Indian Boundary
Gary, In 46403

RE: 1510 Broadway, East Chicago, IN 46312

Legal Description: 2ND ADD. IND. HARBOR LOTS 14-15-16 BL.23
Key No.: 45-03-21-280-018.000-024

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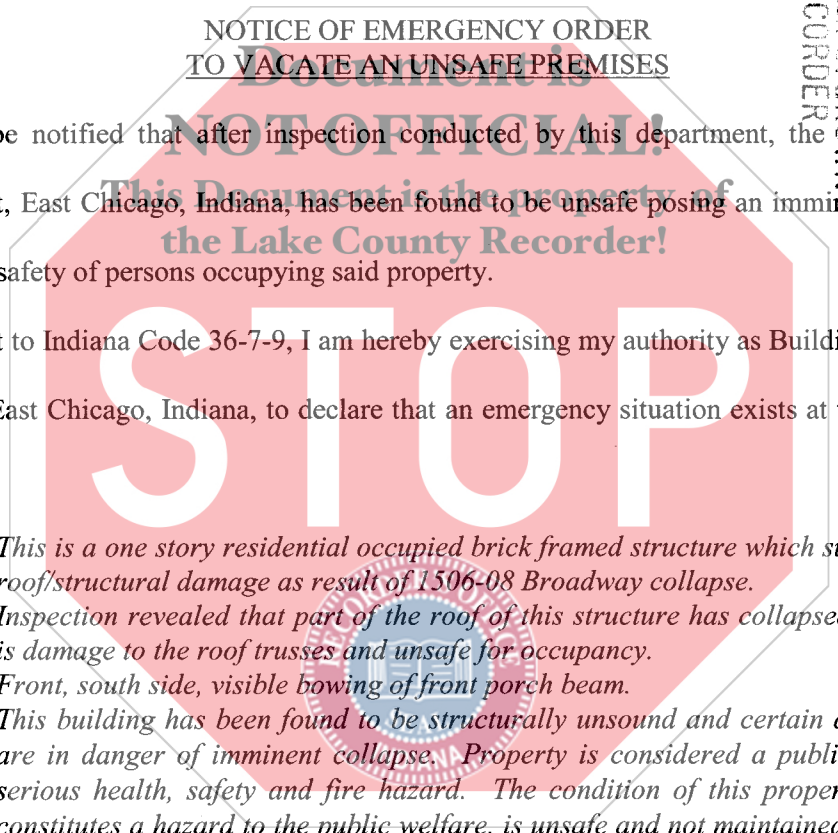
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MICHAEL P. BROWN
RECORDER

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ORDER TO VACATE AN UNSAFE PREMISES

Please be notified that after inspection conducted by this department, the premises at 1510 Broadway Street, East Chicago, Indiana, has been found to be unsafe posing an imminent danger to the life, health, and safety of persons occupying said property.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-9, 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 a one story residential occupied brick framed structure which sustained extensive roof/structural damage as result of 1506-08 Broadway collapse.
2. Inspection revealed that part of the roof of this structure has collapsed indicating there is damage to the roof trusses and unsafe for occupancy.
3. Front, south side, visible bowing of front porch beam.
4. This building has been found to be structurally unsound and certain areas (walls, etc.) are in danger of imminent collapse. Property is considered a public nuisance and a serious health, safety and fire hazard. The condition of this property is such that it constitutes a hazard to the public welfare, is unsafe and not maintained in a manner that would allow human habitation, occupancy, or use.



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Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-9-5, I have issued an emergency order for the occupants to vacate the unsafe premises immediately as a result and seal the unsafe premises. You are requested upon receipt of this order, to contact the East Chicago Building Department immediately as to your intentions to bring the unsafe premises into compliance before they can be occupied.

Indiana Code 36-7-9-5 Sec. 5. (a) reads in relevant part as follows:

“The enforcement authority may issue an order requiring action relative to any unsafe premises, including:

- (1) vacating of an unsafe building;
- (2) sealing an unsafe premises...”

Should you fail to comply with this order, the East Chicago Building Department may cause the action required pursuant to the East Chicago Municipal Code of Ordinances and Indiana Code 36-7-9-10. Any person required to vacate an unsafe premises under this Chapter may within ten (10) days after notice of this order is given, challenge in an emergency court proceeding the enforcement authority’s determination that the premises poses an immediate danger to the life or safety of any person.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-9-9, be advised that the East Chicago Building Department may recover any costs incurred by the enforcement of this action by filing a civil action against the persons who held a fee interest, life estate interest, or equitable interest of a contract purchaser in the unsafe premises at the time the enforcement authority found it necessary to take this action. This department is not liable for the cost of this civil action.


WINNA G. GUZMAN, Building Commissioner

cc: Kevin Smith, Building Department Counsel
East Chicago Health Department
East Chicago Fire Department
East Chicago Board of Public Safety
Carla Morgan, City Attorney - East Chicago Law Department
East Chicago Police Department