



East Chicago Building Department

Division of Inspections & Permits

Honorable Anthony Copeland, Mayor

Winna G. Guzman, Building Commissioner
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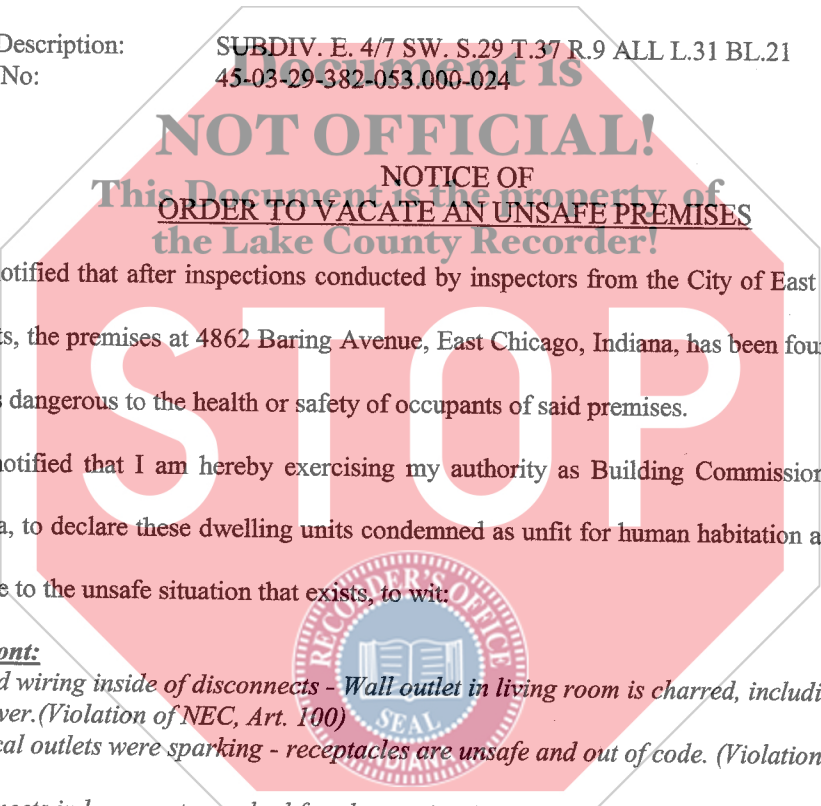
TO: Theodore & Patricia Matovina Et Al
P.O. Box 2447
Hammond, IN 46323

RE: 4862 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312

Legal Description: SUBDIV. E. 4/7 SW. S.29 T.37 R.9 ALL L.31 BL.21
Parcel No: 45-03-29-382-053.000-024

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STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
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MICHAEL B. BROWN
RECORDER



Please be notified that after inspections conducted by inspectors from the City of East Chicago's Building and Fire Departments, the premises at 4862 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, has been found to be unfit for human habitation and is dangerous to the health or safety of occupants of said premises.

Please be notified that I am hereby exercising my authority as Building Commissioner for the City of East Chicago, Indiana, to declare these dwelling units condemned as unfit for human habitation and order these occupied units vacated due to the unsafe situation that exists, to wit:

Apartment 1 Front:

1. Charred wiring inside of disconnects - Wall outlet in living room is charred, including a small section of wall cover. (Violation of NEC, Art. 100)
2. Electrical outlets were sparking - receptacles are unsafe and out of code. (Violation of NEC, Art. 210.50 (C))
3. Disconnects in basement area had fused-type circuit protection that is out of code and safety compliance - #12 wire was wired to a 30 amp fuse. (Violation of NEC, Art. 240.50 - NEC 2008)
4. Fuses were a different type and rating for the wire size. (Violation of NEC, Art. 240.60 (B))
5. Disconnects and service is undersized and out of code. (Violation of NEC, Art. 230 and NEC, Art. 250.64(D))
6. Any dwelling or dwelling unit which shall be found to have defects shall be deemed as unfit for human habitation and shall be so designated and placarded by the Building Commissioner.

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7. Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9, these premises are considered a serious health, safety and fire hazard. The condition of this property is such that it constitutes a hazard to the public welfare, is a public nuisance, unsafe and not maintained in a manner that would allow human habitation, occupancy, or use.

I am therefore designating said premises as unfit for human habitation pursuant to East Chicago Municipal Code, Chapter 15.12, Section, 15.12.110 (A), which reads in relevant part as follows:

“A. Any dwelling or dwelling unit which shall be found to have any of the following defects shall be condemned as unfit for human habitation and shall be so designated and placarded by the building commissioner.

I am therefore issuing this order for you to vacate and seal these premises within ten (10) days from receipt of this order and contact the East Chicago Building Department as to your intentions to bring the dwelling units into compliance before they can be occupied. Should you fail to comply with this order, the East Chicago Building Department may cause the action required by this order under Sections 15.12.160 of this Chapter to be performed.

Also, 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.

If you wish to appeal this action you may within ten (10) days after service of this notice request and shall be granted by the Building Commissioner, a hearing on this matter before the East Chicago Board of Public Safety. The request for a hearing must be a written petition requesting such hearing and setting forth a brief statement of the grounds therefore.


Winna G. Guzman, Building Commissioner

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

