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 JUDGE, LAKE SUPERIOR COURT,
 CIVIL DIVISION, ROOM 7

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS: IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT
 COUNTY OF LAKE) ROOM NO. SEVEN
 CROWN POINT, INDIANA

CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA)
 Plaintiff,)

-vs-

CAUSE NO.: 45D11-1909-PL-000554

DAVID J. HAMATER and ANY AND ALL)
 UNKNOWN TENANTS,)
 Defendants.)

Parcel: 45-06-12-207-001.000-023

Commonly Known As:
 426 Vine Court, Hammond, IN 46324

ORDER FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND FINAL JUDGMENT QUIETING TITLE

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Amended Verified Motion/Affidavit for Default Judgment and to Quiet Title to Real Estate against all Defendants and the World.

After being advised in the premises: Plaintiff, City of Hammond, Indiana, by counsel, Kevin C. Smith of SMITH SERSIC, having filed its Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Property and reviewed the docket, which documents are on file as part of this Court's record; and,

The Court having examined the pleadings and having considered the evidence of the Plaintiff as presented in the Amended Motion/Affidavit of Kevin C. Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff, in support of Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Property, and finding the fact stated in that Complaint to be true, and that title to the real estate should be quieted in the name of the Plaintiff as against all Defendants and the world, now FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Plaintiff filed this case on September 15, 2019, and Defendants were served as set out below:
2. Former Defendants Robert H. Sorge and Denise L. Sorge were served by Sheriff on March 9, 2023. These defendants have filed and Answer and have disclaimed their interest in the property and were dismissed as party defendants by this Court

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on July 20, 2023.

3. Defendants Any and All Unknown Tenants were served by Sheriff on March 9, 2023.
4. Defendant David J. Hamater was served by publication on February 20, 2023, February 27, 2023, and March 6, 2023, and did not answer or otherwise plead.
5. The time within which Defendants were required to appear and plead has expired, and no answer, motion or other pleading, has been filed by the Defendants and a default judgment of said Defendants may be properly entered at this time against non-answering Defendants, or non-disclaiming Defendants, and motion for same was filed by Plaintiff;
6. The real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in Lake County, Indiana;
7. Plaintiff has been responsible for and maintained the property since receiving the Tax Deed from the Lake County Commissioners on October 23, 2018.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by this Court as follows:

1. That a default judgment against Defendants David J. Hamater; and Any and All Unknown Tenants should be and hereby is entered, against these Defendants in this matter;
2. That former defendants Robert H. Sorge and Denise L. Sorge have disclaimed any interest in this property;
3. That the Plaintiff, City of Hammond Indiana, is the sole owner in fee simple, and is entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession of certain real property having the common address of 426 Vine Court and legally described as:

LOT 12 OF VINE COURT MEADOWS, LLC (A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO THE CITY OF HAMMOND AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 91, PAGE 5, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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4. That any and all claims of listed and named Defendants and the of the World as to the above-described property are foreclosed and forever barred and held for naught, and Defendants are declared to have no estate right, title, lien, or other interest in or to such property;
5. Each party to bear their own costs of this action.

SO ORDERED: this _____ day of October 4, 2023, 2023

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Judge, Lake Superior Court

Mail Tax Bill:
City of Hammond Redevelopment Commission
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320

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