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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:
 - Garmond Properties, LLC, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication:
 - Jackie Crawford, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication:
 - Lake County Commissioners, Certified Mail, Regular Mail and Publication:
 - Lake County Treasurer, 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.

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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, January 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., and was conducted on that date by the hearing authority at a public meeting. The head of Inspections, Kelly Kearney presented photographs and drone evidence of the condition of the property, which showed a significant deterioration of the roof and structure especially on the western portion of the property. Mr. Kearney also indicated that a plywood wall has had to be built to protect the residence to the west of this building.
8. Jason Ratliff appeared and indicated he was an agent of the owner and that yesterday was placed under contract to repair and rehabilitate the property. He was unable to produce a contract and was unable to indicate to the Board in any detail of the plans to remove any immediate danger that exists on the property. He presented no evidence to the Board. No person, to whom the Notice and Order to Repair or Demolish was issued, appeared at the hearing, nor any party having a substantial property interest in the unsafe premises appeared, in person or by counsel, nor was there requested a continuance or rescheduling of the hearing by any party.
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

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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

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