

THOMAS M. McDERMOTT, JR., Mayor



**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
and SAFETY**
5925 Calumet Ave. • Hammond, IN 46320

Before the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hammond

Owner: Yesica L Prado
Re: 634 Gostlin St, Hammond, IN 46327
Legal Description: SUBDIV. L.1 TO 5 BLK.9 HOFFMAN'S 3RD ADD. LOT C
Parcel Number: 70131710000022225122

FINDINGS

This matter comes before the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hammond Indiana on a hearing filed by Inspections Department on **August 30, 2024** Notice of Abatement of the **basement apartment at 634 Gostlin St.** Hammond Indiana. The said notice was issued by the City of Hammond Inspections Department. Acting upon the Cities interest is Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections and **Richard Castro**, Inspector from the Inspections Department. Upon evidence presented, the Board finds as follows:

Hammond Municipal Code §150.003 Building Permit Fees. specifically any person desiring to work on a building must obtain a building permit.

Hammond Municipal Code §150.017 Contractor License. specifically no permit for plumbing work was issued and no license was obtained to do the work.

Hammond Municipal Code §151.16, et seq., Electrical Inspection Department. specifically no permit was obtained to do the electrical work.

Hammond Municipal Code §156.10 Plumbing. specifically no license was obtained by the State's Plumbing Commissioner to do the work.

International Residential Code R305.1, Minimum height. Habitable rooms, hallways, corridors, bathrooms, toilet rooms, laundry rooms and basements shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm). The required height shall be measured from the finish floor to the lowest projection from the ceiling.

International Residential Code §310.1, Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings. specifically all basements with habitable space and every sleeping room shall have at least one openable emergency escape and rescue opening.

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ORDER

Upon findings entered herein, the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hammond orders the *Notice of Violation and Notice of Order* therein by the City of Hammond Inspections Department dated **October 24, 2024** to, regarding **634 Gostlin St. Hammond, IN**, SUSTAINED. The subject property as presently constructed does not constitute a pre-existing legal non-conforming use. The **basement apartment** must be removed and all demo work must be performed by licensed contractor(s) in the City of Hammond. **SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 24, 2024

Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hammond

[Signature]
Jeff Long, President

[Signature]
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

[Signature]
Donald Kalina, Member

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each and every Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law.

[Signature]
Kevin C. Smith

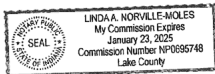
State of Indiana)
)SS
County of Lake)

Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Indiana personally appeared Jeffery Long, Tinisha Greenwell and Donald Kalina and being duly sworn by me upon their oath says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true. Signed and sealed this 24th day of October, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal.

My Commission Expires: January 23, 2024
County of Residence: Lake

[Signature]
Linda A. Norville-Moles, Notary Public



This instrument prepared by:

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