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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT - FIRST DISTRICT

THE CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
MARGARET MOORE, ET AL.,
Defendants.

Case Number: 13 M1 400431
Re: 6636 S. Hermitage Ave.
Courtroom 1109

ORDER OF DEMOLITION

This cause coming on to be heard on November 21, 2013, on the Plaintiff, City of Chicago, a municipal corporation's ("City"), complaint seeking demolition authorization, by Stephen R. Patton, Corporation Counsel, against the following named Defendants:

- MARGARET MOORE;
- BERTHA MCCOY; and
- UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

The Court being fully advised of the premises of this proceeding and having heard the evidence finds that:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the parties hereto and the subject matter, which is the premises located at the following address: 6636 S. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Cook County, Illinois ("subject property"), legally described as:

LOT 15 AND THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 61 IN DIXEL PARK A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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1. Located on the subject property is a ONE-STORY FRAME BUILDING. The last known use of the building was SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.
2. The Court having heard testimony and evidence finds that the building located on the subject property is dangerous, hazardous, unsafe and beyond reasonable repair under the Unsafe Buildings Statute, 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1 (1996) (Unsafe Buildings), in that:

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- a. The building's electrical, heating and plumbing systems have been vandalized and are therefore inoperable.
 - b. The building's masonry has step and stress fractures, as well as washed-out mortar joints.
 - c. Sections of siding are missing from the exterior walls of the building.
 - d. The building's joists are cracked.
 - e. The building's roof has damaged membranes.
 - f. The building's exterior stair system has damaged decking and handrails, as well as improper foundations and handrail heights.
 - g. The building's window sashes are broken, missing or otherwise inoperable.
 - h. Plaster is broken or missing from the interior walls of the building.
 - i. There is evidence of squatter activity.
 - j. The buildings roof has holes.
 - k. The front and rear porch is in danger of collapse
 - l. The rear porch roof is in state of collapse
 - m. Sections of flooring are either missing or warped in places throughout the interior of the building.
 - n. The flooring is buckling and the floor joists and sub-flooring in basement is rotted
3. The building's plumbing system is inoperable and has been stripped of fixtures. The Court finds that it would take major reconstruction by a responsible owner to bring the building into full compliance with the Municipal Code of Chicago. Further, the Court finds that the building located thereon poses a dangerous and hazardous threat to the public health, safety and welfare, and is beyond reasonable repair. Accordingly, the Court finds that demolition of the building is the least restrictive means available as of 11/21/13 to abate the dangers and hazards posed by the building.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. Judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff City of Chicago and against Defendants on Counts I and IV of the City's complaint. Accordingly, the City is authorized to demolish the building located on the subject property pursuant to Counts I and IV of the City's complaint.
- B. Counts II, III, V, VI, and VIII are voluntarily withdrawn without prejudice.
- C. Defendants with either possession or control of the subject property shall immediately remove any and all persons occupying the subject property and all personal property from said premises instanter so that said premises will be completely vacant and free of personal property before demolition is commenced. The City's Department of Human Services is authorized to assist in the relocation of any tenants.

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- D. Defendants with either possession or control of the subject property and their successors and assigns shall be permanently enjoined from renting, using, leasing, or occupying the Subject Property until demolition of the subject property commences.
- E. Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1 and the City's police powers under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, and Section 13-12-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the City is authorized to immediately demolish the building situated on the subject property on an emergency basis and is entitled to a lien for the costs of demolition, court costs and other costs enumerated by statute. Thus, the City's performance under this order will result in a statutory in rem lien that attaches only to the subject parcel of real estate. If the City seeks a personal judgment against any individual party to this action, it will proceed by separate motion directed to that party.
- F. Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 304(a), as to the order of demolition, this is a final and appealable order and judgment, the Court finding no just reason to delay the enforcement or appeal of this final order and judgment.
- G. The Court reserves jurisdiction of this cause to enforce the terms of this order and for the purpose of ascertaining the demolition costs for entry of a money judgment against the defendant owners, as defined by the applicable statutes and ordinances.

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Judge Edward S. Harmening
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