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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT – FIRST DISTRICT**

THE CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.

S.T.C.R., et al.

Defendants.

Case Number: 12 M1 402618

Re: 8406 S ESCANABA AVE
CHICAGO IL 60617

Courtroom 1107

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION
BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

This cause coming to be heard on FEBRUARY 13, 2014 on the complaint of THE CITY OF CHICAGO (“the City”), by and through its attorney, Stephen R. Patton, Corporation Counsel, against the following:

S.T.C.R.,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
 (“Defendants”).

The Court having heard evidence and testimony and being fully advised in the premises finds that:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter, which is the real estate located at 8406 S ESCANABA AVE, CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (“subject property”), legally described as:

LOT 3 IN BLOCK 12 IN THE COURT PARTITION OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 15, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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2. Located on the subject property is a TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING (“subject building”). The last known use of the subject building was RESIDENTIAL.

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3. The subject building is dangerous, unsafe, and beyond reasonable repair under the terms of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, in that the following violations of the Municipal Code of Chicago exist at the subject property and the defendants:

- a. The building is vacant and open.
- b. The electrical service has been terminated at the building.
- c. The electrical system is stripped, inoperable, with exposed wiring and missing fixtures.
- d. The flooring is warped and missing in places.
- e. The glazing is broken and/or missing, and panes are cracked.
- f. The heating system is stripped, inoperable and vandalized.
- g. The furnace and ductwork are missing.
- h. The siding is loose and/or missing.
- i. The plaster is water damaged with mold throughout.
- j. The plaster is broken, loose and/or missing.
- k. The plumbing system is stripped and inoperable.
- l. The plumbing system is missing fixtures.
- m. The sashes are broken, missing and/or inoperable.
- n. There is junk and debris throughout the interior.

4. The subject building is beyond reasonable repair and it would take major reconstruction by a responsible owner to bring the subject building into full compliance with the Municipal Code.

5. Demolition of the subject building is the least restrictive alternative available to effectively abate the dangerous and unsafe conditions at the subject property as of FEBRUARY 13, 2014.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. Defendants UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, having been notified by publication and having failed to answer, appear, or otherwise plead as of the default date of November 5, 2012 are in default and all allegations in the complaint are deemed admitted against said defendants.
- B. An *in rem* judgment on Count I of the Complaint is entered in favor of Plaintiff, the City of Chicago, and against Defendants.
- C. Counts II, III, IV, V, and VI of the Complaint are voluntarily dismissed, on the City's oral motion.

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- D. Pursuant to the judgment entered above, 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, and the City's police powers under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, the City is granted authorization to demolish the subject building on the subject property, and is entitled to a lien for the costs of demolition, court costs, and other costs enumerated by statute, and/or other statutory remedies. Such authority shall be effective FEBRUARY 13, 2014.
- E. The City's performance under this order shall result in a statutory *in rem* lien that attaches to the subject property only. If the City seeks a personal judgment against any Defendant(s), it shall proceed by separate motion directed to such Defendant(s).
- F. Any and all Defendants with either possession or control of the subject property shall immediately remove any and all persons occupying the subject building and any and all personal property from the subject property so that the subject property is completely vacant and free of persons and personal property before demolition is commenced.
- G. All Defendants and his / her / their / its agents, heirs, legatees, successors, and assigns shall be permanently enjoined and restrained from renting, using, leasing, occupying, selling or otherwise transferring, in whole or in part, the ownership or controlling interest in the entire premises until the same has / have established full compliance with the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago as stated in this cause and further order of court. Defendant(s) and his / her / their / its agents, heirs, legatees, successors, and assigns shall maintain the subject property in a sanitary, boarded, and secure condition while it remains subject to this injunction or until the property is demolished.
- H. Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 304(a), this is a final and appealable order and the Court finds there is no just reason for delaying the enforcement or appeal of this order.
- I. The Court reserves jurisdiction of this cause to enforce the terms of this Order and for the purpose of ascertaining demolition costs and other costs for entry of money judgment(s) against the defendant owners and for the purposes of hearing foreclosure proceedings as defined by the applicable statutes and ordinances.

J. This matter is off all.

Judge Lauretta Higgins Wolfson

ENTERED
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