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

THE CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case Number: 14 M1 400162

Re: 6442 S. EVANS AVE.

SHIRLEY CROSS, ET AL.,

Courtroom 1109

Defendants.

## ORDER OF DEMOLITION

This cause coming on to be heard on,  $\frac{7}{22114}$ , on the complaint of the Plaintiff, City of Chicago, a municipal corporation ("City"), by Stephen R. raten, Corporation Counsel, against the following named Defendants: Clorks

SHIRLEY CROSS,

CHICAGO LAND AND TITLE, LLC - SERIES II;

LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC and

UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

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

The Court has jurisdiction of the parties hereto and the subject matter, which is the premises located at the following address: 6442 S. Evans Ave., Chicago, Cook County, Illinois ("subject property"), legally described as:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 9 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 IN THE HOYT AND FARWELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 52 ACRES AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE EAST 28 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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- 2. Located on the subject property is a two story, multiple unit, brick building. The last known use of the subject building was residential.
- 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 (1996) (Unsafe Buildings), in that:
  - a. The building at subject property ("building") is vacant and open. at rear porch and basement window.
  - b. The building's glazing is broken or missing.
  - c. The building's masonry has step or stress fractures.
  - d. The building's masonry has holes and washed out mortar joints.
  - e. The building's masonry is missing siding and is partially collapsed.
  - f. The building's sast is are broken, missing or inoperable.
  - g. The building's stair system has damaged decking.
  - h. The building's roof has a dan age I membrane.
  - i. The building's joists are enecked water damaged at the 1st floor kitchen and the
  - j. The building's rafters are cracked. 2nd floor joists are rotted
  - k. The building's electrical system is stripped and inoperable, with exposed wiring and missing fixtures.
  - I. The building's plumbing system is stripped and inoperable and missing fixtures.
  - m. The building's heating system is stripped and inoperable, missing ductwork, missing furnace and vandalized.
  - n. The building's plaster is broken and missing. and water damage a
  - o. The building's flooring is missing and warped, with holes in the basement floor.
  - p. The building's rear porch is in imminent danger of collapse
  - 4. There are mold and debris in the basement and athere's mater damage.
  - r. The bearing wall at the 2nd floor stairwell is missing
  - s. The staircase in the interior is in imminent danger of collapse due to separation from stringers.
- 4. There has been no work in progress since the beginning of this case at the subject property.

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5. The Court finds that it would take major reconstruction of a responsible owner to bring the subject building into full compliance with the Municipal Code, and that the subject building is beyond reasonable repair. The Court further finds that demolition of the subject building is the least restrictive alternative available to effectively abate the conditions now existing there.

### 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 seeking demolition authority.
- B. The remaining counts of the City's complaint are voluntarily withdrawn.
- C. Pursuant to the judgment entered above, 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, and the City's police powers under Article VII of the Illimois Constitution, the City is granted authorization to demolish the 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.
- D. The authority granted in Paragraph C, above shall become effective Immediately
- E. 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. Defendants with either possession or control of the subject property shall immediately remove any and all persons occupying the subject property and all persona' 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 elocation of any tenants.
- G. Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 304(a), this is a final and appealable order and the Court finds that there is no just reason for delaying the enforcement or appeal of this order.
- H. 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.

PLAINTIFF, CITY OF CHICAGO

STEPHEN PATTON, Corporation Counsel

By:

Stuart Miles

**Assistant Corporation Counsel** 

ENTERED

JUDGE MARK J. BALLARD-1742

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