

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

SYSCO CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.,
a foreign corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2021-CA-6122-O

vs.

Division:

AMY MERCADO, as Property Appraiser;
SCOTT RANDOLPH, as Tax Collector and
JIM ZINGALE as Executive Director of the
Florida Department of Revenue,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, SYSCO CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC., a foreign corporation sues Defendant, AMY MERCADO as Property Appraiser of Orange County, Florida ("Appraiser"), SCOTT RANDOLPH as Tax Collector of Orange County, Florida ("Collector"), and JIM ZINGALE ("Zingale"), as Executive Director of the Florida Department of Revenue, and allege:

1. This is an action to contest ad valorem tax assessments for the tax year 2020 and this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, and article V, sections 5 and 20 of the Florida Constitution.
2. Plaintiff is a Delaware corporation.
3. Appraiser is sued herein in her official capacity and is a necessary party to the action pursuant to section 194.181(2), Florida Statutes.

4. Collector is sued herein in his official capacity and is a necessary party to the action pursuant to section 194.181(3), Florida Statutes.

5. Defendant Zingale is sued in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Florida Department of Revenue and is a necessary party to this action pursuant to section 194.181(5), Florida Statutes.

6. Plaintiff is the owner of certain tangible personal property located in Orange County, Florida, identified by Appraiser as Account No. **REG-032385**, hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Property."

7. Appraiser estimated the just value of the Subject Property for ad valorem purposes in the amount of **\$4,479,847**, hereinafter, the ("assessment").

8. Plaintiff has paid the taxes which have been assessed in full, pursuant to section 194.171(3)(4), Florida Statutes. A copy of the receipt is attached hereto as Plaintiff's Exhibit "A."

9. Plaintiff has performed all conditions precedent which are required to be performed by Plaintiff in establishing its right to bring this action. Specifically, this action has been filed within the time period prescribed by section 194.171(2) Florida Statutes.

10. Appraiser failed to comply with section 193.011, Florida Statutes and professionally accepted appraisal practices in assessing the Subject Property.

11. The assessment does not represent just value of the Subject Property as of the lien date because they exceed the market value and therefore violate article VII, section 4 of the Florida Constitution.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands that this Court take jurisdiction over this cause and the parties hereto; enter an order setting aside the assessment on the Subject Property as excessive; establish the proper assessment of the Subject Property in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Florida and section 193.011, Florida Statutes; direct the Collector to cancel the original bill and issue a new tax bill in said reassessed amounts; and finally, to award Plaintiff its costs incurred in bringing this action pursuant to section 194.192, Florida Statutes, and award such other general relief as may be just and equitable.

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