

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC, a
North Carolina limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2022 CA 005512 NC

v.

BILL FURST, as Property Appraiser of
Sarasota County, Florida; BARBARA
FORD-COATES, as Tax Collector of
Sarasota County, Florida; and JIM
ZINGALE, as Executive Director of the
Department of Revenue of the State of
Florida,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Lowe's Home Centers, LLC ("Taxpayer"), sues Defendants, Bill Furst, as Property Appraiser of Sarasota County, Florida ("Property Appraiser"), Barbara Ford-Coates, as Tax Collector of Sarasota County, Florida ("Tax Collector") and Jim Zingale, as Executive Director of the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida (the "Department") and alleges:

1. This is an action for statutory relief. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 194.036 and 194.171, Florida Statutes. Venue is proper in Sarasota County as the subject property, as described below, and the Property Appraiser are located in Sarasota County, Florida.

2. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC is a North Carolina limited liability company registered and authorized to conduct business in Sarasota, Florida.

10. Taxpayer has paid the taxes on the Property as required under Sections 194.171(3) and (4), Florida Statutes. Evidence of said payment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated by reference.

WHEREFORE, Taxpayer demands judgment against the Defendants as follows:

(i) Establishing the just value of the Property and directing such adjustments between the Parties as may be necessary in connection therewith or directing the Property Appraiser to reassess the Property for the 2022 tax year in compliance with Florida law;

(ii) Recalculating the taxes that should have been paid based on an assessment equal to the Property's just value, and ordering a refund to the Taxpayer of the excess amounts paid;

(iii) Awarding costs in favor of Taxpayer pursuant to Section 194.192, Florida Statutes; and

(iv) Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 30, 2022.

/s/ John N. Muratides

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