



Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation

Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board

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VIA- USPS

March 17, 2022

TAVARES & SONS
VENUS TAVARES

Registration/License Number: GC-38604
Claim Associated with Violation: C-C-10594

RE: FINAL ORDER AND SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION Disciplinary Action - Violation # V-6248

On or about January 25, 2022, you were provided with a Notice of Violation/Proposed Order, a copy of which is attached and incorporated as if stated again in full, that the Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board determined that you were in violation of Rhode Island General Laws and intended to assess civil penalties.

Because you did not request a hearing or pay the fines as assessed within the time allowed, the Notice of Violation/Proposed Order has converted to a Final Order. The fines, as listed above, are now due and payable. If payment is not received within twenty (20) days, your registration will be suspended and your case may be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for criminal prosecution pursuant to RIGL § 5-65-19 and/or referred to the Central Collections Unit pursuant to RIGL § 42-142-1.

You have the right to appeal this Final Order by completing the attached form and returning to the CRLB within twenty (20) days of the date of this mailing. For additional information, please see our website at www.crb.ri.gov, or contact us by telephone at (401) 921-1590.

Sincerely,

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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ASSESS CIVIL PENALTY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING –
PROPOSED ORDER**
Disciplinary Action - Violation # V-6248

This letter serves to notify you that the Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board(CRLB) has determined that on or about May 18, 2021, at 273 High St, Cumberland, RI 02864 violations of the following section(s) of Rhode Island General Laws were discovered and the CRLB intends to assess civil penalties as proposed.

Violation

5-65-3(o) - Failure to have written contract when work performed is in excess of \$1,000.00

Violation Penalty

2,500

Description

Respondent entered in an agreement to perform work at 273 High St, Cumberland on or about May 18, 2021. The agreed upon value of the work was \$20,200. Upon request, Respondent stated that there was no written contract. This is the second offense.

Violation

5-65-18 - Failure to provide mechanic's lien notice

Violation Penalty

5,000

Description

Contracts for work require notice that the contractor provide the consumer with a notice that the contractor may file a lien in accordance with the Mechanic' Lien Law, as found in R.I. Gen. Law 34-28. As there was no written contract, the required notice was not provided to the consumer. This is the fourth offense.

Violation

5-65-10(a)(11) - Breach of contract

Violation Penalty

2,500

Description

Respondent entered into a contract with Carlos Almeida on or about May 18, 2021 for framing work, install vinyl siding, install gutters, install windows and build two wooden decks. On or about September 27, 2021 the developer filed a complaint with the CRLB alleging, in pertinent part, that the Respondent had breached the contract. The investigation showed that the Respondent breached the contract by not finishing the deck construction and not installing gutters. This is the second offense.

Violation

5-65-3(j) - Hiring of non-registered subcontractor

Violation Penalty

5,000

Description

On or about May 18, 2021 the Respondent entered into contract, albeit a verbal contract, to perform work at 273 High St, Cumberland. The work to be performed was framing a new build, installing vinyl, install gutters and build two wood decks. This work is of the type which requires registration with the CRLB.

On October 27, 2021 I spoke with Joe Tavares who confirmed he and two other workers performed the work. When asked for proof of registration, Joe admitted the workers were not registered with the CRLB. Upon further inquiry, I learned that Joe Tavares is not listed on the company or its registration. The Respondent, Venus Tavares, is the only person who holds the registration and is authorized to work. A check of the CRLB registration database showed that Joe Tavares was not registered with the CRLB.

This is the third offense.

Violation

5-65-10(a)(12) - Contractor performed improper work

Violation Penalty

5,000

Description

Between May 18, 2021 and July 23, 2021, respondent performed framing work, installed vinyl siding, installed windows and installed a sliding glass door. Upon inspection, this work was deemed improper because nails were left projected in the exterior thus pushing out the vinyl siding, aluminum trim around the soffit was not secured and part of it fell off, windows do not open or close properly and the sliding glass door is not functional due to faulty installation.

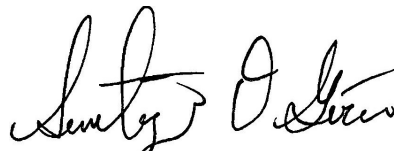
This is the third offense.

Fine amount: \$20,000

You have the right to a hearing. You must request a hearing in writing, to the Contractors' Registration Board, 560 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI 02886 within twenty (20) days of the date of this mailing or issuance of the Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty. Failure to apply for, or to attend a scheduled hearing, will result in the issuance of a Final Order.

For additional information, please see our website at www.crb.ri.gov, or contact us by telephone at: (401) 921-1590.

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STATE BUILDING OFFICE**

REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Please type or print legibly. Incomplete or unreadable applications will be returned. Please allow 7-10 business days for processing

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD WITHIN
TWENTY (20) DAYS OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION OR
DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER**

TYPE OF REQUEST

APPEAL OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO HEARING OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPEAL OF DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER TO FULL BOARD	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Notice of Violation Date		Violation/File Number:	
Date of Decision/Final Order		Claim Number:	
Registration/License Type:		Registration/License #	
Name:			
Residential Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Mailing Address (if different):			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	Cell Phone:	Email:	

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE REASON FOR APPEAL

(This area is intentionally left blank for the applicant to describe the reason for the appeal.)

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION/PROPOSED ORDER

At hearing, the CRLB must prove the alleged violation(s) by a preponderance of the evidence. If proven, the Hearing Office will issue a Decision/Final Order. Decisions/Final Orders may be appealed to the Board as indicated below.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL OF DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER

In accordance with § 1.13.2 of CRLB regulation 440-RICR-10-00-1,

- a. The Board shall only consider evidence presented to the Hearing Officer, issues raised in the appeal, and written and/or oral argument relative to the Decision/Final Order issued by the Hearing Officer.
- b. The Board may limit the time allowed for oral argument.
- c. The Board will not consider any new or additional evidence not already presented below to the Hearing Officer.
- d. The CRLB staff investigator may report on their investigative findings.

Consistent with §§ 5-65-20, 440-RICR-10-00-1.13.2, and the Administrative Procedures Act § 42-35-1 et seq., the Board will affirm the Hearing Officer’s Decision if it is supported by substantial evidence in the record. The Board will not substitute its judgment for that of the Hearing Officer as to the weight of the evidence on questions of fact. Alternatively, the Board may dismiss or modify the Hearing Officer’s decision if it was arbitrary or capricious, or affected by other error of law. The Board may remand the case for further proceedings, if applicable.

It shall be the Appellant’s sole responsibility, or that of his/her or its representative, to present his/her Appeal to the Board. The Appellant may be represented by legal counsel admitted in the State of Rhode Island. If Appellant fails to appear at the Hearing and has not otherwise notified the Board of his/her or its inability to attend, the Board shall dismiss the Appeal and affirm the Decision of the Hearing Officer.

The deadline for the Appellant to submit briefs and/or written arguments shall be fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the hearing. Oral arguments shall begin with the Party that filed the appeal. Time limits for oral arguments shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. A rebuttal time of three (3) minutes may be allowed. The Chair of the Board, or his/her designee, will oversee the proceedings.

AFFIRMATION

I swear, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided in connection with this Request for Appeal is true to the best of my knowledge, with the understanding that any omissions, inaccuracies, and/or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient reason to deny or revoke registration/licensure by the CRLB.:

Signature

Date

Print

SUBMISSION

Submit this application to:
RI Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board
Attn: Matthew Lambert
560 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02886

OR
Email to Matthew.Lambert@dbr.ri.gov