

# Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board 560 Jefferson Blvd. Ste. 100, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

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VIA- Certified Mail March 28, 2022

JW Contracting LLC Jacob Wooding

Registration/License Number: GC-45194 Claim Associated with Violation: C-

RE: FINAL ORDER AND SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION Disciplinary Action - Violation # V-6291

On or about December 20, 2021, 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-6291

This letter serves to notify you that the Rhode Island Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board(CRLB) has determined that on or about July 21, 2021, at 119 Coe Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 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(j) - Hiring of non-registered subcontractor

#### **Violation Penalty**

1,000

### Description

On July 1, 2021, at 119 Coe Street Woonsocket, The Respondent entered into a Contract to renovate an existing structure. This work is of the type which requires registration with the CRLB. A check of the CRLB Registration database showed that the workers, identified as Mr. Wooding's Wife and laborers, were not registered with the CRLB. JW Contracting LLC does not show as having Employees and they do not carry Workmans Comp Insurance, if they did have employees on Payroll.

Upon further inquiry,( Phone Conversation on 12/17/2021 with Mr. Wooding, I learned that these workers had been hired to perform the work by Jacob Wooding.

#### Violation

5-65-3(m) - Failure to secure permits prior to commencing work

# **Violation Penalty**

5,000

# Description

On July 7, 2021, at approximately 12:00 pm, respondent was Contracted to renovate a residence at 119 Coe St, Woonsocket, This work is of the type which requires that a building/electrical/plumbing/mechanical Permit be taken out prior to commencing ANY work. Upon request, the respondent could not produce the required permit and a check of the Woonsocket Permitting Database showed that no permit had been issued by The City of Woonsocket, prior to any work being started.

EXAMPLE: On or about August 11, 2021, Woonsocket's Electrical Inspector made an unscheduled visit to the Property and halted work until the appropriate permits were issued, resulting in the first of many delays to the Project, and work was ceased for approximately two weeks.

#### Violation

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

#### **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

Respondent entered into a contract with Peter Bergh on or about 7/21/2021 for Renovating the Residence at 119 Coe St, Woonsocket. On or about 12/11/2021 homeowner 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 as follows:

The Contract stated that you agreed to perform certain enumerated services including, but not limited to:

- remodeling the downstairs bathroom
- upstairs bathroom
- upstairs hallway and stairs
- right front bedroom, left front bedroom, right rear bedroom
- dining room, living room, kitchen, mudroom and exterior of the home
- Your assurances to Mr. Bergh that you had access to professional crews who could work in parallel to get the work done by the September 1, 2021 deadline proved to be false.
- On November 17, 2021, Mr. Bergh contacted you to terminate the Agreement and cease work on the Project based on your material breaches of the Agreement. You stated that you would go to the Property to get your things and Mr. Bergh has not heard from you since

#### Violation

5-65-10(a)(14) - Failure to complete a project(s) for construction or willfully failed to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty.

#### **Violation Penalty**

1.000

## Description

On or about7/21/2021 consumer and respondent entered into an Written contract to renovate several portions of an existing house. Said written contract required project to be completed on or about September 1, 2021. On or about November 17, 2021, the Respondent ceased performing work prior to the completion of the project.

The contractor has not returned any calls, email, or text messages and is unreachable preventing the continuation of the project.

 Contact information for the electrician, plumber, floor refinisher have not been provided so the work can be completed.

#### Violation

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

#### Violation Penalty

1,000

#### 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. Upon review of the written contract, the required notice was absent from the contract.

#### Violation

5-65-3(h)(1) - Failing to retain list (name, address, reg. #) of subcontractors & deliver said list to CRLB within 24 hrs. of request (Statutory \$25.00)

## **Violation Penalty**

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#### Description

Failing to retain list of ALL Subcontractors and Deliver said list to CRLB within 24 hours of request.

3/28/22, 12:49 PM

#### Violation

5-65-7(b) - Failure to have workers compensation insurance as required by R.I Gen. Law 28-29

#### **Violation Penalty**

1,000

#### Description

Workers observed performing general Renovation/Demolition work, over the course of the Project. Workers were determined to be Employees / Family Members of Respondent. Respondent is an employer subject to the Workers' Compensation Act and no exceptions apply.

A check of the registration database showed that the Respondent did not maintain the required Workers Compensation Insurance.

Fine amount: \$10,025

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.

Sincerely,



# Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Building, Design& Fire Professionals 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			
APPEAL OF DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER TO FULL BOARD			
	APPLICANT	TINFORMATION	
Notice of Violation Date		Violation/File Numb	per:
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:
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# 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.

# STANADRO OF REVIEW AND PROCEUDRE 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