

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD  
560 JEFFERSON BLVD., SUITE 100  
WARWICK, RI 02889

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IN THE MATTER OF:

ROBERT MEDIEROS,  
d/b/a RIDGEWOOD  
HOMES LLC,

*Respondent.*  
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VIOLATION NO. 6912  
GC-29748

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Business Regulation ("Department")<sup>1</sup> and Robert Medeiros d/b/a Ridgewood Homes LLC ("Respondent") (collectively, the "Parties"), hereby consent and agree that:

1. On or about June 11, 2023, the Department received a complaint from the homeowner of [REDACTED] Warwick, RI 02889 (the "Site") regarding interior renovation work that had been ongoing for the previous two (2) years ("Complaint").
2. The Complaint contained allegations that Respondent took too long to complete the project at the Site and that negligent work was performed.
3. Thereafter, a Departmental investigation was initiated, and because opening and moving interior walls at the Site had occurred, a check of the Warwick permit database was performed; no building, electrical or plumbing (mechanical) permits had been issued for work at the Site.
4. The Departmental investigation also revealed that the Respondent had hired Frank Warren of "Junk N More" to perform interior demolition at the Site; Mr. Warren was not registered with the CRLB at the time he performed demolition at the Site.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Within the jurisdiction of the Department of Business Regulation ("Department") there is the Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals ("Division") that includes the State Building Office ("Office" or "SBO"), which includes several professional departments including the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board ("Department" or "CRLB"). See R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-14-1, 5-65-1, 5-84-2, and 5-84-3.1.

<sup>2</sup> On May 20, 2024, the CRLB issued Mr. Warren a *Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty and Opportunity for Hearing*, which assessed a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for performance of contracting work without being registered.

5. A review of the estimate from the Respondent to the Complainant dated June 8, 2021 containing both the Complainant's and the Respondent's signatures at the bottom of the document ("Contract") reveals that it did not contain a mechanic's lien notice.
6. On May 20, 2024, the Department issued a *Notice of Intent to Assess Civil Penalty and Opportunity for Hearing – Proposed Order* ("Notice") to Respondent.
7. On June 10, 2024, the Department received Respondent's appeal request, which stated: "...Frank from Junk + More just took up the old floor in the master bathroom, remove the old tub/shower unit. Remove old sheetrock. Did not take down any walls or remove any of the structure in the area. Does a junk removal [indecipherable] need a GC license?"

### STATEMENT OF LAW

8. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-1(7)(i):

"Contractor" means a person who, in the pursuit of an independent business, undertakes or offers to undertake or submits a bid, or for compensation and with or without the intent to sell the structure constructs, alters, repairs, improves, moves over public highways, roads, or streets, or demolishes a structure or to perform any work in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, moving over public highways, roads, or streets, or demolition of a structure, and the appurtenances thereto. For the purposes of this chapter, "appurtenances" includes, but is not limited to, the installation, alteration, or repair of wells connected to a structure consistent with chapter 13.2 of title 46, garage, carport, porch, patio, decks, docks, sheds, tents, gazebos, walkways, fencing, driveways, retaining walls, swimming pools, sidewalks, stone/masonry walls, and parking lots.

(ii) "Contractor" includes, but is not limited to, any person who purchases or owns property and constructs, or for compensation arranges for the construction of, one or more structures.

(iii) A certificate of registration is necessary for each "business entity" regardless of the fact that each entity may be owned by the same individual.

9. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(a):

A person shall not undertake, offer to undertake, or submit a bid to do work as a contractor on a structure unless that person has a current, valid certificate of registration for all construction work issued by the board...

10. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(j): "A contractor including, but not limited to, a general contractor, shall not hire any subcontractor or other contractor to work on a structure unless the contractor is registered under this chapter or exempt from registration under the provisions of § 5-65-2."

11. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(m): “The contractor must see that permits required by the state building code are secured on behalf of the owner prior to commencing the work involved. The contractor’s registration number must be affixed to the permit as required by the state building code.”
12. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(o), all construction contracts in excess of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall contain a notice of possible mechanic’s lien.

### CONDITIONS

13. In consideration of the Respondent’s forthright acceptance of responsibility and lack of prior Department discipline, the Parties have agreed to an amicable resolution of this matter without an administrative hearing, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. On or before **December 20, 2024**, Respondent shall deliver to the Department an administrative penalty of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), made payable to the “Rhode Island General Treasurer” for violating R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-65-3(j), (m) and (o), in that he hired an unregistered subcontractor, failed to procure the relevant permits, and the Contract failed to contain notice of a mechanic’s lien, respectively; and
  - b. Respondent enters into this Consent Agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of his own free will.
14. *Final Determination.* The Parties agree that this Consent Agreement and its terms represent the final determination of this matter.
15. *Waiver of Hearing and Appeal.* By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing and waives any right to pursue an appeal to the Board and the Superior Court under Chapter 5-65 and the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1, *et seq.*
16. *Opportunity to Obtain Counsel.* Respondent agrees that he/she has had an opportunity to retain legal counsel to represent him/her in connection with this matter, and that he/she fully understands and acknowledges all the terms contained within this Consent Agreement, and that he/she has signed this Consent Agreement knowingly and voluntarily.
17. *Public Record.* Once executed, this Consent Agreement shall be a public record under the Access to Public Records Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 38-2, and § 1.5(C) of 440-RICR-10-00-1, and it shall be published on the Department’s website under “Enforcement Actions.”

18. *Enforcement.* If Respondent fails to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement within any applicable time period set forth herein, the Respondent will be in violation hereunder and the Department shall be entitled to immediately take enforcement or other action in accordance with applicable law.
  
19. *Compliance; Laws.* Compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement does not relieve Respondent of any obligation to comply with other applicable laws or regulations administered by or through the Department including the Division, the SBO and the CRLB, or any other governmental agency.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

For the Department:

Elizabeth Dwyer

Signature

Print Name: Elizabeth Dwyer

Title: Director

Date: 12/20/24

Respondent:

Robert F. Medeiros

Signature

By: Mr. Robert Medeiros

Date: 12/20/24