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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

MICHAEL LAWRENCE, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0006333

Case # 17 COM 234

TO: Michael Lawrence c/o Attorney Thomas Sewall Two Neenah Center, Ste. 701 Neenah, WI 54956

You are hereby notified that your Journeyman Plumber-Restricted License (No. 942344) is suspended for fourteen (14) days starting September 23, 2019, and expiring October 6, 2019.

The basis for this suspension is your misconduct in your responsibilities as a plumbing learner. First, an investigation found that you violated state statutes by advertising as a master plumber without having the proper license. You also engaged in conduct which evidences a lack of trustworthiness and misrepresentation of qualifications such as education, experience or certification by having posts on social media and websites whereby you present yourself as a master plumber. Last, you engaged in plumbing at 1628 West Packard Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, 54914, without having a master plumber directly supervise your work.

Wis. Admin. Code § 305.10(2)(a)2 states that the department may suspend or revoke a license or registration for negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the practice or work allowed by the license or registration. False advertisements and engaging in plumbing without a proper license are examples of misconduct.

The suspension of 14 days is appropriate because you clearly presented yourself to the public as a master plumber without having the proper credentials and the Department has evidence that you engaged in plumbing without a proper license in at least one instance. The Department also considered, and gave credit for, the fact that you obtained a journeyman license and that you changed your advertisements. However, the Department found that a suspension is still necessary to protect the interests of the public.

After the suspension, you may request, in writing, to have your credential reinstated. The reinstatement process is set forth in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(2)(e). You can request

reinstatement by emailing DSPSCREDTrades@wisconsin.gov. To obtain reinstatement of your credential you will be required to file a new application and pay the appropriate fee specified in s. SPS 305.02.

You have the right to request a hearing on the suspension by sending a request for hearing to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Chief Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 7190, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7190, which must be received by the Department no later than 30 days from the date of mailing of this Notice. Any hearing on the suspension will be held in accordance with the requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. ch. 227.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on August 1, 2019.

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