

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MICHAEL LAWRENCE,
RESPONDENT.

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:
: NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
: AND NOTICE OF RIGHT
: TO REQUEST REVIEW

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: Case # 17 COM 234

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: Order **ORDER 0006334**

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

You are hereby notified that you are subject to a forfeiture of **\$500.00** in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 145.12 and **\$1,000.00** in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.125 for (1) your engagement in advertising as a licensed master plumber in violation of Wis. Stat. § 145.11 and (2) engaging in plumbing work without the direct supervision of a master plumber in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.96. This forfeiture must be paid within 30 days of the date of mailing of this Notice, or a 12% interest penalty will be assessed and/or enforcement action may be taken against you.

The forfeiture of **\$1,500.00** shall be made out to the "Department of Safety and Professional Services." Include in the memo line "17 COM 234" and send to the following address:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

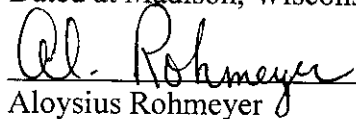
You have the right to request a review of the assessment of forfeiture by sending a request addressed to Division Administrator, Division of Industry Services, P.O. Box 7302, Madison, WI 53707-7302. Any review of the assessment of forfeiture will be held in accordance with the requirements set forth in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.125. Such request for review shall set out specifically and in full detail every reason why this order is unreasonable, and every issue to be considered by the Department in the review.

You are receiving these forfeitures because you engaged in advertising as a plumber without having the proper license. An investigation by the Department found that you presented yourself and advertised as a master plumber without having a master plumber license. Your original website (<http://www.neenahwiplumber.com>) had no mention of David Gilles yet it listed his Master Plumber License. Further, your Facebook page had no mention that you were not a master plumber and the reviews on the site and online indicate that you were performing work that a master plumber would be required to perform or directly supervise. In addition, the license number on an invoice dated December 6, 2017, did not trace back to a master plumber license. The above shows you were advertising as a master plumber without possessing the proper license.

Second, you are receiving this forfeiture because you engaged in plumbing work at 1628 West Packard Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, 54914, without the direct supervision of a master plumber. The Department spoke with the property owner who confirmed that you engaged in plumbing and that no one else was present when you did the work.

For these reasons the forfeiture of \$1,500.00 is assessed in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 145.12 and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.125.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on August 9th, 2019.


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