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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WALWORTH FUNERAL HOME INC,
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006551

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 FDR 012

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Walworth Funeral Home Inc
328 Kenosha St.
Walworth, WI 53184

Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Funeral Directors Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc is permitted by the State of Wisconsin as a funeral establishment, having permit number 414-78, first issued on July 1, 1944 and current through May 31, 2021. This permit was expired from June 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 328 Kenosha Street, Walworth, Wisconsin 53184.

2. On August 14, 2018, the Department received a complaint regarding Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc's handling of a deceased person. Additionally, the Department discovered that Respondent's funeral establishment permit expired on June 1, 2017. The

Division of Legal Services and Compliance subsequently opened Case No. 18 FDR 012 for investigation.

3. On November 1, 2018, Respondent's renewed their funeral establishment permit.
4. Respondent performed 122 funeral services between June 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018.
5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 445.105(1) and Wis. Admin. Code § FD 1.08(1) by conducting, maintaining, managing and operating a funeral establishment that did not hold a current permit issued by the board.
3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13(1) and Wis. Stat. § 445.105(4).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$562.
4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's credential (number 414-78), or Respondent's right to renew its credential, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

by:

Maureen A. Fournier
A Member of the Board

11-19-19
Date

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BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WALWORTH FUNERAL HOME INC,
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0006551

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 FDR 012

Respondent Walworth Funeral Home Inc and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

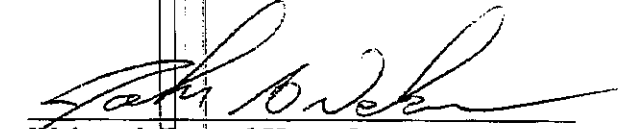
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of

Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

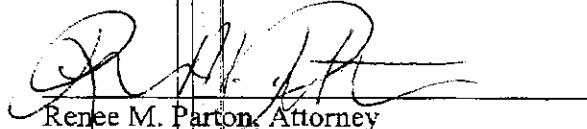
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Walworth Funeral Home Inc, Respondent
By: John A. Nelson, Responsible Licensee
328 Kenosha Street
Walworth, WI 53184
Credential No. 414-78

9-11-19
Date


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P.O. Box 7190
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9/11/2019
Date