

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

JAMES DODGE,

RESPONDENT.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

ORDER 0007774

Case # 20 UNL 78

TO: James Dodge
1150 35th Avenue
Amery, WI 54001

Re: UNLICENSED ELECTRICAL WORK

You are hereby notified that you are subject to a forfeiture of **\$1,000.00** in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 101.88(3) because you engaged in electrical work without possessing the necessary credential in violation of Wis. Stat. § 101.862(2). This forfeiture must be paid within 30 days of the date of mailing of this Notice or enforcement action may be taken against you. In addition, you shall not be able to renew any credentials you possess with the Department until this forfeiture is paid.

The forfeiture of **\$1,000.00** shall be made out to the "Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services." Include in the memo line "20 UNL 78" 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 are receiving this forfeiture because a Department investigation found by a preponderance of the evidence that you performed electrical work at 631 Spruce Drive, Hudson, WI 54016 without possessing any electrical license. A license is required in the State of Wisconsin to perform most electrical work, including the work that you performed. The Department spoke with you and you admitted to performing the electrical work.

The basis of the forfeiture amount stems from an inspection the city of Hudson performed on October 24, 2019. That inspection found six electrical code violations, not including the violation of engaging in unlicensed electrical work. The violations are as follows:

1. NEC 410.16(C) - Coordinate closet shelving with existing can light rough-ins. 6" horizontal clearance regardless of mounting height of shelving.
2. NEC 210.52 - Add electrical outlets in bedroom and family as identified during inspection.
3. NEC 422.31(B) - Install proper wiring of furnace to include disconnect switch.
4. NEC 314.17(B)& 110.112(A) - Fill unused holes in all electrical boxes. Install bushings where NM cables pass through metal boxes.
5. NEC 210.12 - All circuits serving living room, bedroom, or similar spaces will require arc fault protection.
6. NEC 110.26 - Provide 30" wide x 36" deep clearance at subpanel or sign that states "subpanel shall be de-energized to work on."

The Department utilized discretion under Wis. Stat. § 101.88(3) and enters a forfeiture of \$166.67/violation. This was mainly an electrical project where your failure to be properly licensed put the homeowners at risk of injury or death.

For engaging in electrical work without the proper credential the forfeiture of \$1,000.00 is assessed in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 101.88(3).

You have the right to request a hearing on this matter 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 review will be held in accordance with the requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. § 101.02(6). 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.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on January 18, 2022.



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