

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

RICHARD ALLEN

RESPONDENT.

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: NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
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: Case # 23 COM 003
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: Order **ORDER 0008720**

TO: Richard Allen
E5299 Hannu Rd
Ironwood, MI 49938

You are hereby notified that you are subject to a forfeiture of **\$400.00** in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 145.12(4) for failing to possess a proper credential in accordance with the plumbing code rules adopted by the State of Wisconsin through Wis. Stat. § 145.02(2)(a) and performing plumbing work in violation of Wis. Stat. § 145.06(1) and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.90(1). This forfeiture shall be paid within 30 days of the date of mailing of this Notice. Further, you shall not be allowed to renew or obtain credentials from the Department of Safety and Professional Services until this forfeiture is paid.

The forfeiture of **\$400.00** shall be made out to the "Department of Safety and Professional Services." Include in the memo line "23 COM 003" 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 that you improperly installed plumbing at the Apostle Islands Area Campground through your employment with Ruotsala Construction. The Department's investigation found that, at a minimum, a utility contractor's license or pipelayer registration would be required as specified under Wis. Admin. Code §§ SPS 305.90(1)(b)4, 305.97 and 305.98. The Department spoke to Chris Boyd, Project Manager, who stated that you performed the plumbing work at the site running lines from the highway to the site and ran 4-inch sewer pipes to the campsites.

There is a preponderance of evidence that you violated Wisconsin Statutes and Code. Wis. Admin. Code § 305.90(1) states that no person may install plumbing unless the person holds a license or registration issued by the department as a licensed master plumber, licensed master plumber-restricted, licensed journeyman plumber, licensed journeyman plumber-restricted, registered plumbing apprentice, registered plumbing learner-restricted, registered utility contractor or registered pipelayer. Plumbing includes the construction, connection, installation, service, or repair of any drain or wastewater piping system that connects to the mains or other terminal and the construction, connection, installation, service, or repair of water service piping that connects to the main or other water utility service terminal within the bounds of, or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes and its connections. *See* Wis. Stat. §§ 145.01(10)(a)2&3.

For these violations the Department has the authority to issue a forfeiture as these are rules stemming from the Department's authority under Wis. Stat. § 145.02(2)(a). The Department is authorized to issue a forfeiture to any person violating Wis. Chapter 145 no less than \$10 and no more than \$1,000. For this reason a forfeiture of \$400.00 is assessed in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 145.12(4).

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on 18 August, 2023.

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