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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,

Petitioner,		
v. FEMC Case No. 2021001498		
MARK V. RICHTER, P.E.,		
Respondent,		
FINAL ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT STIPULATION		
THIS CAUSE came before the FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ("Board"), pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on April 10, 2025, by Videoconference, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Stipulation (attached hereto as "Exhibit A to Final Order") entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the stipulation, the documents submitted in support thereof, and the arguments of the parties, it is hereby:  ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Stipulation as submitted be and is hereby adopted in toto and incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the stipulation.  This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.  DONE AND ORDERED this 49 day of 400 files.		
Zana Raybon, Executive Director For Denise Rainsey, P.E., CHAIR  CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing filed Final Order Adopting Settlement Stipulation has been furnished by U.S. First Class Mail and email to A I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to Respondent Mark V. Richter, P.E. by service upon his attorney of record: Jeff G. Peters, Esquire, 3551 Blairstone Road, Suite 105, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and jgpesq@msn.com this day of April 2025.  Rebecca Valentine.		

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### SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

MARK V. RICHTER, P.E. ("Respondent") and the Florida Board of Professional Engineers ("Board") by and through the Florida Engineers Management Corporation ("FEMC") hereby stipulate and agree to the following joint Settlement Stipulation ("Stipulation") and Final Order of the Board incorporating this Stipulation in the above-styled matter.

### STIPULATED FACTS

- 1. For all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed professional engineer in the State of Florida, having been issued license number PE 56196.
- 2. Respondent was charged by an Administrative Complaints filed by FEMC, and properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapters 471 and 455, Florida Statutes. Copies of the Administrative Complaints are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as "Exhibit A to Settlement Stipulation".

# STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent, in his capacity as a licensed engineer, admits that in such capacity he is subject to provisions of Chapters 455 and 471, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("the Agency"), FEMC, and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, constitute violations of Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Complaint.

# STIPULATED DISPOSITION OF LAW

- 1. Respondent shall, in the future, comply with Chapters 471 and 455, Florida Statutes, and the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto.
- Should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of the Final Order in this case, an administrative complaint for failure to comply with said Final Order can automatically be opened against Respondent.
- 3. Respondent shall <u>APPEAR</u> before the Board when this Stipulation is presented to explain how this situation occurred and what plans have been formulated and actions put in place to prevent this circumstance from occurring in the future.
- 4. Respondent shall pay an <u>ADMINISTRATIVE FINE</u> of \$3,500.00, and <u>ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</u> of \$4,175.10 to the Board within one (1) year of the date that the Final Order adopting this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk.
- 5. Respondent shall be placed on <u>PROBATION</u> for one (1) year from the date the Final Order adopting this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk., with the following terms:
- a. Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved course in ADVANCED ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS within one (1) year of the date the Final Order adopting this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk. Prior to that date, Respondent shall submit to the Board a Certificate of Completion of the course. It is the Respondent's responsibility to notify the Board that he has completed the course in a timely manner. Respondent may contact the Florida Engineering Society ("FES"), 125 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)224-7121, for information regarding the availability of such courses in Florida; however, if the FES provides any information regarding such a course to the Respondent, the Respondent must submit that course information to the FEMC for review and

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determination as to whether or not it will comply with the Board's requirements. Respondent may also elect to complete one of the following correspondence courses offered by:

Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism
Texas Tech University, PO Box 41023, Lubbock, Texas 79409
Engineering Ethics Advanced
Telephone 806-742-3525; Fax 806-742-0444; E-mail: engineering.ethics@ttu.edu

An Accredited College or University course if that course information is first submitted to the FEMC for review and determination as to whether or not it will comply with the Board's requirements.

Courses offered by Continuing Education Programs or Professional Business Programs (Exp: SunCam, Inc., C2Ed), are not Board Certified, and will not meet the requirements.

- b. Respondent shall successfully complete the <u>STUDY GUIDE</u> which has been prepared by the Board and which will be furnished to Respondent, regarding the Engineering Practice Act, Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, and the Rules of the Board. Respondent is required to provide a personal email address that will be used to access the on-line study guide. The study guide must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date on which the Final Order incorporating this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk.
- 6. Should the Respondent fail to timely comply with the terms of the Final Order discussed herein, this case will be submitted to the Probable Cause Panel for review and determination of whether additional disciplinary action should be taken.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges that neither Respondent's attendance at the Board Meeting when this Stipulation is presented, nor any continuing education or college level courses taken as a requirement of the terms of this Stipulation may be used to comply with the continuing education requirements of Chapter 61G15-22, Florida Administrative Code.
- 8. It is expressly understood that this Stipulation is subject to approval of the Board and FEMC and has no force or effect until the Board issues a Final Order adopting this Stipulation.

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- 9. This Stipulation is executed by Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of this Stipulation. Furthermore, should this Stipulation not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings.
- 10. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the joint Stipulated Facts, Conclusions of Law, imposition of discipline, and the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Stipulation.
- 11. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Board in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board to enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms contained herein.

Mark V. Richter, P.

Respondent

Case No: 2021001498

Dated: 1075

APPROVED this 18th day of February

, 2024.

Zana Raybon, Executive Director Florida Board of Professional Engineers

John Rimes (Feb 18, 2025 08:17 EST)

BY: John J. Rimes, III Chief Prosecuting Attorney FILED
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Respondent,	/	

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Florida Engineers Management Corporation (FEMC) on behalf of Petitioner, Florida Board of Professional Engineers, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," and files this Administrative Complaint against MARK V. RICHTER, P.E., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent." This Administrative Complaint is issued pursuant to Sections 120.60 and 471.038, Florida Statutes. Any proceeding concerning this complaint shall be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. In support of this complaint, Petitioner alleges the following:

- 1. Petitioner, Florida Board of Professional Engineers, is charged with regulating the practice of engineering pursuant to Chapter 455, Florida Statutes. This complaint is filed by the Florida Engineers Management Corporation (FEMC) on behalf of Petitioner. FEMC is charged with providing administrative, investigative, and prosecutorial services to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers pursuant to Section 471.038, Florida Statutes (1997).
- Respondent is, and has been at all times material hereto, a licensed professional engineer in the State of Florida, having been issued license number PE 56196. Respondent's last known address is 2007 West Reynolds, Plant City, Florida 33563.

- 3. Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, provides that an engineer is subject to discipline for engaging in negligence in the practice of engineering. Rule 61G15-19.001(4), Fla. Admin. Code, provides that negligence constitutes "failure by a professional engineer to utilize due care in performing in an engineering capacity or failing to have due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles."
- 4. Section 455.227(1)(k), Florida Statutes, provides that an engineer is subject to discipline for "[f]ailing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensee."
- 5. From 2018-2020 Respondent provided engineering services as a "Private Provider" in the City of Tampa (City) under the provisions of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes, for the following projects: 310 W Henry Ave, Tampa, FL; 316 W North Bay St, Tampa, FL; 402 E Waters Ave, Tampa, FL; 703 W Woodlawn Ave, Tampa, FL; 2602 E 11th Ave, Tampa, FL; 3702 N Tampa St, Tampa, FL; 8101 El Portal Dr, Tampa, FL.

# 310 W HENRY AVE (Henry Project)

- 6. Permit #: BLD-18-0461481 for the Henry Project was issued by the City of Tampa (City) on 4/30/2020.
  - (a.) Type of Project: Remodel of an existing residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Plans review and Construction inspections.
- 7. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
  - (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:

- (1.) Electrical underground inspection
- (2.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
- (3.) Electrical Final inspection
- (4.) Mechanical underground inspection
- (5.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
- (6.) Mechanical Final inspection
- (7.) Plumbing underground inspection
- (8.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
- (9.) Plumbing Final inspection
- (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 8. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Henry Project were materially deficient in that:
  - (b.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
    - (c.) Respondent failed to transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
  - (d.) During construction, the City noticed that the existing building had been completely demolished and a whole new structure was being constructed. Additionally, the City noticed that Respondent had posted a set of building plans on site along with an inspection log. The inspection log indicated that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
    - (1.) Building Pre-Construction inspection,
    - (2.) Building Foundation inspection, and

- (3.) Plumbing Underground inspection.
- (e.) Review of Respondent's file failed to find any building plans, field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.
- (f.) Respondent admitted that he became aware of the contractor performing work that significantly deviated from the approved plans but failed to notify the City.
- (g.) Upon discovering that the existing building had been demolished and a whole new building was being built, the City performed an audit of this project. That audit reportedly found the following violations:
  - (1.) Respondent approved work that was not on the approved plans (i.e., Footer inspection and Underground Plumbing inspection).
  - (2.) The foundation plan, which was found on site, lacked review and approval.
  - (h.) Upon completion of the City's audit, the City issued a Stop Work Order.
- (i.) Review of Respondent's file found a note that read: "No work by REI done on this project, therefore, no record created. City closed permit before first inspection recorded. Property sold to another party."
- 9. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Henry Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer

under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

10. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Henry Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

# 316 W NORTH BAY ST (Bay Project)

- 11. Permit #: BLD-18-0458780 for the Bay Project was issued by the City of Tampa (City) on 4/23/2018.
  - (a.) Type of Project: Alteration/Renovation to an existing residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Building, Electrical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Construction inspections.
- 12. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
- (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
  - (1.) Foundation inspection
  - (2.) Framing inspection
  - (3.) Sheathing inspection
  - (4.) Roofing inspection
  - (5.) Final inspection
  - (6.) Demolition inspections
  - (7.) Impact-resistant systems
  - (8.) Electrical underground inspection
  - (9.) Electrical Rough-in inspection

- (10.) Electrical Final inspection
- (11.) Plumbing underground inspection
- (12.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
- (13.) Plumbing Final inspection
- (14.) Mechanical underground inspection
- (15.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
- (16.) Mechanical Final inspection
- (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 13. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Bay Project were materially deficient in that
  - (b.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
  - (c.) Respondent failed to post or transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
  - (d.) While Respondent provided the City with an inspection log and a signed and sealed Final Inspection Report:
  - (1.) The inspection log indicated that the following inspections were conducted and passed all on the same day:
    - (a.) Plumbing Rough In
    - (b.) Plumbing Final
    - (c.) Building Final
    - (d.) Electrical Rough In
    - (e.) Electrical Final

- (2.) The Final Inspection Report was dated three (3) weeks prior to the date of the inspections and stated that inspections were conducted and that all items "meet or exceeded the Code." This report indicated that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
  - (a.) Building Floor Assemblies
  - (b.) Building Weather-Tight
  - (c.) Building Insulation
  - (d.) Building Drywall
  - (e.) Building Final
  - (f.) Electrical Rough In
  - (g.) Electrical Final
- (g.) Review of Respondent's file failed to find any building plans, field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.
- (h.) Upon receipt of the inspection log and Final Inspection Report, the City performed an audit of this project and reportedly found multiple violations and several missing components/inspections that the permitted and executed work would have required:
  - (1.) The dates provided on the final inspection report and inspection logs do not match, nor make chronological sense.
  - (.2) Respondent's Final Report was dated 08/23/2018, however his inspection logs have his inspections dated 09/18/18.
  - (3.) The inspection log shows that the electric rough-in, plumbing rough-in, electric final, and plumbing final were all conducted on the same date (09/18/18).

- (1.) Upon completion of the City's audit, the final inspection was disapproved by the City.
- 14. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Bay Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Bay Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 16. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Bay Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

402 E WATERS AVE, TAMPA, FL (Waters Project)

- 17. Permit #: BLD-19-0468118 for the Waters Project was issued by the City of Tampa (City) 7/2/2019.
  - (a.) Type of Project: Alteration/Renovation to an existing commercial building due to a change of use and occupancy.
    - (b.) Scope of Project: Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.
    - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Construction inspections.
- 18. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
  - (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
    - (1.) Foundation inspection
    - (2.) Framing inspection
    - (3.) Sheathing inspection
    - (4.) Roofing inspection
    - (5.) Final inspection
    - (6.) Demolition inspections
    - (7.) Impact-resistant systems
    - (8.) Electrical underground inspection
    - (9.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
    - (10.) Electrical Final inspection
    - (11.) Plumbing underground inspection
    - (12.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
    - (13.) Plumbing Final inspection
    - (14.) Mechanical underground inspection
    - (15.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
    - (16.) Mechanical Final inspection
  - (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.

- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 19. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Waters Project were materially deficient in that
  - (c.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
  - (d.) Respondent failed to post or transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
  - (e.) Respondent provided the City with a signed and sealed Final Inspection Report but failed to provide an inspection log.
  - (f.) While the Final Inspection Report stated that inspections were conducted, that all items "meet or exceeded the Florida Building Code 6th Edition Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and NFPA 70/NEC14.," and that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
    - (1.) Building Framing
    - (2.) Building Insulation Ceiling/Walls
    - (3.) Building Final
    - (4.) Plumbing Rough In
    - (5.) Plumbing Final
    - (6.) Plumbing Backflow
    - (7.) Electrical Rough In
    - (8.) Electrical Final
    - (9.) Electrical Power Release
    - (10.) Mechanical Rough In
    - (11.) Mechanical Final

review of Respondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.

- (h.) Upon receipt of the Final Inspection Report, the City performed an audit of this project and reportedly found multiple violations and several missing components/inspections that the permitted and executed work would have required.
- (f.) There is no record of a tie-beam/fill cell inspection(s) having been conducted on the three (3) new window openings, the three (3) large overhead door openings that were cut into the existing CMU walls, or the four (4) new supplemental columns.
- 20. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Waters Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 21. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Waters Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

22. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Waters Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

## 703 W WOODLAWN AVE, TAMPA, FL (Woodlawn Project)

- 23. Permit #: BLD-18-0460223 for the Woodlawn Project was issued by the City of Tampa (City) 8/14/2018.
  - (a) Type of Project: Remodel of an existing residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Plans review and Construction inspections.
- 24. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
  - (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
    - (1.) Electrical underground inspection
    - (2.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
    - (3.) Electrical Final inspection
    - (4.) Plumbing underground inspection
    - (5.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
    - (6.) Plumbing Final inspection
    - (7.) Mechanical underground inspection
    - (8.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
    - (9.) Mechanical Final inspection

- (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 25. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Woodlawn Project were materially deficient in that
  - (b.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
    - (c.) Respondent posted three (3) inspection logs to the City:
      - (1.) Pre-Construction inspection
      - (2.) Building Foundation/Footer
      - (3.) Building Above Grade Slab
  - (d.) Respondent failed to post or transmit any remaining inspection logs to the City because Respondent admitted "I was having the contractor to upload the inspection results." [Ref. Mark Richter's May 6, 2021, response letter]
  - (e.) Review of Respondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.
  - (f.) While Respondent filed an Electric Power Release letter that stated: "The contractor and owner is requesting an electrical power release for the above referenced project. Richter Engineering has approved the power release and has found the project to be safe to energize," a review of Respondent's file failed to find any field notes,

photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.

- (g.) Respondent provided the City with a signed and sealed Final Inspection Report but failed to provide an inspection log.
  - (h.) The Final Inspection Report stated that inspections were conducted and that all items "meet or exceeded the Florida Building Code 6th Edition Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and NFPA 70/NEC14." This report indicated that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
    - (1.) Building Roof Dry In
    - (2.) Building Siding Pre-Inspection
    - (3.) Building Stucco/Dry-In/Lathe
    - (4.) Building Insulation
    - (5.) Building Wall or Roof Sheathing
    - (6.) Building Final
    - (7.) Plumbing Rough
    - (8.) Plumbing Tub Set
    - (9.) Plumbing Pressure Test
    - (10.) Plumbing Stack Out
    - (11.) Electrical Underground
    - (12.) Electrical Rough
    - (13.) Electrical Final
    - (14.) Mechanical Rough
    - (15.) Mechanical Final

However, review of the Rospondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/pr support those inspections had been performed.

26. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Woodlawn Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to

utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

- 27. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Woodlawn Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 28. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Woodlawn Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

# 2602 E 11TH AVE, TAMPA, FL (11th Avenue Project)

- 29. Permit #: BLD-20-0474213 for the 11th Avenue Project was issued by the City of Tampa (City) on 5/20/2020.
  - (a.) Type of Project: Remodel of an existing residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Electrical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Construction inspections.
- 30. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:

- (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
  - (1.) Electrical underground inspection
  - (2.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
  - (3.) Electrical Final inspection
  - (4.) Plumbing underground inspection
  - (5.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
  - (6.) Plumbing Final inspection
  - (7.) Mechanical underground inspection
  - (8.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
  - (9.) Mechanical Final inspection
- (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 31. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the 11th Avenue Project were materially deficient in that
  - (b.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
  - (c.) Respondent failed to post or transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
  - (d.) Respondent filed a request for issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy after the work had been completed.

- (e.) Upon receipt of the request, for issuance of a Certification of Occupancy, the City scheduled a counseling meeting with Respondent. After scheduling and Immediately prior to the meeting Respondent reportedly posted two (2) inspection reports.
  - (1.) Plumbing and Electrical Rough-In inspection logs indicating the inspections passed.
  - (2.) Plumbing and Electrical Final inspection logs indicating the inspections passed.
- (f.) Review of Respondent's file failed to find any building plans, field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.
- (h.) After the counseling meeting Respondent provided the City with a signed and sealed Final Inspection Report stating that all items "meet or exceeded the Code." This report indicated that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
  - (1.) Building Drywall
  - (2.) Building Final
  - (3.) Plumbing Rough In
  - (4.) Plumbing Final
  - (5.) Electrical Rough In
  - (6.) Electrical Final

However, review of the Rospondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/pr support those inspections had been performed.

32. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the 11th Avenue Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering

principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

- 33. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the 11th Avenue Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 34. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the 11th Avenue Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, it is this reviewer's opinion that Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

# 3702 N TAMPA ST, TAMPA, FL (Tampa Street Project)

- 35. Permit #s: BLD-18-0459413 issued on 5/22/2020 & BLD-18-0458774 issued on 5/26/2020 were issued by the City of Tampa (City) for the Tampa Street Project.
  - (a.) Type of Project: Alteration/Renovation to an existing residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Construction inspections.

- 36. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
  - (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
    - (1.) Building Foundation inspection
    - (2.) Building Framing inspection
    - (3.) Building Sheathing inspection
    - (4.) Building Roofing inspection
    - (5.) Building Final inspection
    - (6.) Building Demolition inspections
    - (7.) Building Impact-resistant systems
    - (8.) Electrical Underground inspection
    - (9.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
    - (10.) Electrical Final inspection
    - (11.) Plumbing Underground inspection
    - (12.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
    - (13.) Plumbing Final inspection
    - (14.) Mechanical Underground inspection
    - (15.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
    - (16.) Mechanical Final inspection
  - (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
  - (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
  - (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 37. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Tampa Street Project were materially deficient in that

- (a.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
- (b.) Respondent failed to post or transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
- (c.) Review of Respondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/or support those inspections had been performed.
- (d.) Respondent filed a signed and notarized Certificate of Compliance along with an inspection log for each permit. The inspection logs for both permits were identical and indicated that all inspections passed. The inspection logs noted:
  - (1.) Building Final "doors and windows switched out size for size, sheetrock repair, cabinets replaced, flooring replace, and paint"
    - (2.) Electrical Final "fixture switchout"
    - (3.) Mechanical Final "equip switchout"
    - (4.) Plumbing Final "fixture switchout"
- (e.) Upon receipt of the Certificate of Compliance, the City performed an audit of this project and reportedly found multiple violations and several missing components/inspections that the permitted and executed work would have required.
  - (f.) Respondent approved work that was not on the approved plans.
  - (1.) Respondent failed to provide any information related to any inspections of the new exterior second floor staircase.
  - (2.) Respondent failed to provide any information related to any inspections of the new roof that was replaced.
  - (3.) Respondent failed to provide any information related to any inspections of the new ductwork that was replaced.

- (1.) Respondent admitted he did not perform these inspections "the inspection report reflects the inspections I performed. I did not do any other inspection work that is not noted. HVAC equipment was changed out, no ductwork was inspected, etc." [Ref. Mark Richter's May 06,2021 response letter]
- 38. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Tampa Street Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 39. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider, for the Tampa Street Project failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 40. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Tampa Street Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for

acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

### 8101 EL PORTAL DR, TAMPA, FL (Portal Project)

- 41. Permit #: BLD-20-0472306 for the Portal Project was issued by the City of Tamp (City) on 1/27/2020.
  - (a.) Type of Project: New construction of residential building.
  - (b.) Scope of Project: Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.
  - (c.) Respondent's Services: Private Provider for Construction inspections.
- 42. A Private Provider performing construction inspection for this type of project is required by statute and ordinance to execute the following:
  - (b.) Inspection notices were to have been provided to the City prior to any inspections. For this type of project the required inspections would have, at a minimum, included:
    - (1.) Building Foundation inspection
    - (2.) Building Framing inspection
    - (3.) Building Sheathing inspection
    - (4.) Building Roofing inspection
    - (5.) Building Final inspection
    - (6.) Building Demolition inspections
    - (7.) Building Impact-resistant systems
    - (8.) Electrical Underground inspection
    - (9.) Electrical Rough-in inspection
    - (10.) Electrical Final inspection
    - (11.) Plumbing Underground inspection
    - (12.) Plumbing Rough-in inspection
    - (13.) Plumbing Final inspection
    - (14.) Mechanical Underground inspection
    - (15.) Mechanical Rough-in inspection
    - (16.) Mechanical Final inspection

- (c.) Inspection logs were to have been posted on the site and/or transmitted to the City after each inspection.
- (d.) A comprehensive Final Inspection Report was to have been provided to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- (e.) A signed and sealed Certificate of Compliance (outlined in FS 553.791) was to have been submitted to the City upon successful completion of all work and inspections.
- 43. Respondent's services as a Private Provider for the Portal Project were materially deficient in that:
  - (b.) Respondent failed to provide the City with inspection notices prior to each inspection.
  - (c.) Respondent failed to post or transmit inspection logs to the City after each inspection.
  - (d.) Respondent filed an Electric Power Release letter that stated: "The contractor and owner is requesting an electrical power release for the above referenced project. Richter Engineering has approved the power release and has found the project to be safe to energize.," However, review of the Rospondent's file failed to find any field notes, photographs, inspection forms, time records, field logs or any other information to indicate and/pr support those inspections had been performed.
  - (e.) Respondent filed an inspection log and a signed and sealed Final Inspection Report.
    - (1.) The inspection log indicated that the following inspections were conducted and passed:
      - (a.) Silt fence/precon
      - (b.) Building Foundation/Footer

- (c.) Building Stem Wall
- (d.) Building Monolithic Slab
- (e.) Building Pilasters/Filled Cells/Columns
- (f.) Building Wall/Roof Sheathing
- (g.) Building Roof Dry-In
- (h.) Building Stucco/Dry-In/Lath
- (i.) Building Roof Final
- (j.) Building Framing
- (k.) Building Insulation Walls
- (l.) Building Final
- (m.) Building Insulation Ceiling
- (n.) Electrical Footer/Ufer Bond
- (o.) Electrical Rough In Ceilings
- (p.) Electrical Rough In Walls
- (q.) Electrical Electrical Power Release
- (r.) Electrical Final
- (s.) Mechanical-Rough In
- (t.) Mechanical-Final
- (u.) Plumbing-Underground Rough In
- (v.) Plumbing-Pressure Test
- (w.) Plumbing-Rough In
- (x.) Plumbing-Tub Set
- (y.) Plumbing-Final
- (2.) With respect to the insulation inspections, Respondent stated: "insulation placed in ceiling after building was electrically charged."
- (3.) The Final Inspection Report stated that inspections were conducted and that all items "meet or exceeded the Code." This report indicated that the following inspections had been completed and passed:
  - (a.) Building Stemwall
  - (b.) Building Concrete Slab
  - (c.) Building Pilaters/Filled Cells/Columns
  - (d.) Building Sheathing Wall/Roofing
  - (e.) Building Stucco/Dry-in-Lath
  - (f.) Building Framing
  - (g.) Building Insulation
  - (h.) Building Drywall

- (i.) Building Final
- (j.) Electrical Rough In
- (k.) Mechanical Rough In
- (1.) Mechanical Final
- (4.) With respect to the insulation inspections, Respondent stated: "1. All concealed insulation is in place." and "5. Ceiling insulation was blown in prior to project closeout but after the placement of sheet rock."

However, upon receipt of the inspection log and Final Inspection Report, the City performed an audit of this project and reportedly found multiple violations and asbuilt conditions that directly conflicted with the inspection reports.

- (f.) Upon receipt of the inspection log and Final Inspection Report, the City performed an audit and discovered that absolutely no attic insulation was installed.
- (g.) Upon completion of the City's audit, the City issued a Stop Work Order.
- 44. Respondent filed a report for public record that contained material misrepresentations. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Portal Project, filed reports that contained material misrepresentations, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 45. Respondent failed to file multiple reports and/or records that were required by state or local law. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Portal Project, failed to file reports and/or records that were required by state or local law, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer FBPE vs. Mark V. Richter, P.E., Case No. 2021001498

under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

A6. Respondent failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately. Therefore, because Respondent, while acting as a Private Provider for the Portal Project, failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately, Respondent failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g). and Section 455.227(1)(k).

#### **COUNT I**

- 47. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Ten (10) as if fully set forth in this Count One.
- 48. As set forth in Paragraphs One (1) through Ten (10), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Henry Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 49. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

#### COUNT II

50. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Eleven (11) through Sixteen (16) as if fully set forth in this Count Two.

- As set forth in Paragraphs Eleven (11) through Sixteen (16), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Bay Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 52. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

#### **COUNT III**

- 53. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Seventeen (17) through Twenty-two (22) as if fully set forth in this Count Three.
- 54. As set forth in Paragraphs Seventeen (17) through Twenty-two (22), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Waters Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 55. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

# **COUNT IV**

56. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Twenty-three (23) through Twenty-eight (28) as if fully set forth in this Count Four.

- As set forth in Paragraphs Twenty-three (23) through Twenty-eight (28), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Woodlawn Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 58. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

#### **COUNT V**

- 59. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Twenty-nine (29) through Thirty-four (34) as if fully set forth in this Count Five.
- 60. As set forth in Paragraphs Twenty-nine (29) through Thirty-four (34), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the 11th Avenue Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 61. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

## **COUNT VI**

62. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Thirty-five (35) through Forty (40) as if fully set forth in this Count Six.

- As set forth in Paragraphs Thirty-five (35) through Forty (40), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Tampa Street Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 64. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

#### **COUNT VII**

- 65. Petitioner realleges and incorporates Paragraphs One (1) through Four (4) and Forty-one (41) through Forty-six (46) as if fully set forth in this Count Seven.
- 66. As set forth in Paragraphs Forty-one (41) through Forty-six (46), Respondent's while acting as a Private Provider on the Portal Project failed to execute the responsibilities of a Private Provider appropriately and accurately and, as a result, failed to utilize due care and failed to demonstrate due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles and failed to perform statutory duties required of a professional engineer under the terms of Section 553.791, Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent is in violation of Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).
- 67. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Rule 61G15-19.001(4) and F.S. 471.033(1)(a) & 471.033(1)(g) and Section 455.227(1)(k).

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the Board of Professional Engineers to enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license, restriction of the Respondent's practice, imposition of an

administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, the assessment of costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this case, other than costs associated with an attorney's time, as provided for in Section 455.227(3), Florida Statutes, and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 30th day of September \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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