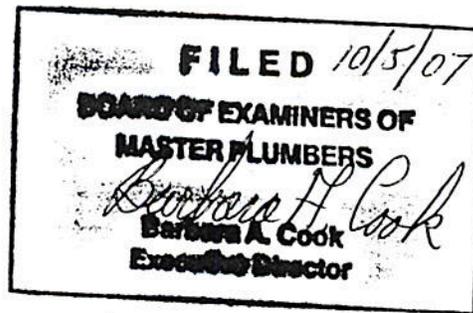


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JAMES M. AMMEAN  
License No. 36BI01095200

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE AS A PLUMBER  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("the Board") upon receipt of an application for reinstatement of plumbing license from James M. Ammean ("respondent"). Respondent's plumbing license expired on June 30, 2005 based on his failure to renew. As a result, respondent's license was suspended, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), as a result of his failure to renew his license within 30 (thirty) days of the expiration date. On his application for reinstatement, respondent acknowledged he had been convicted of a crime. He provided documentation concerning three arrests which occurred in 2005. Additionally, respondent acknowledged that since the suspension of his plumbing license, he was engaged in the practice of installing irrigation taps which is deemed the practice of plumbing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-2(g). On June 22, 2006 respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

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Respondent acknowledged three domestic violence related arrests in 2005, one of which included a violation of a restraining order. Respondent was sentenced to probation and attended counseling. Respondent claimed his failure to renew his plumbing license occurred after he left the marital home during a divorce proceeding and he did not receive his mail on a regular basis. As a result, he failed to send in his renewal which was sent by the Board to his address of record. He did not realize his license was suspended until December 9, 2005, and immediately sought reinstatement.

As to his employment during the period of suspension of his license since July 1, 2005, respondent admitted he continued to operate as "Jim's Mechanical Plumbing & Heating", and primarily installed and serviced residential sprinkler systems.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that respondent's failure to renew his license after it expired on July 1, 2005 and continuing to engage in the unlicensed of practice plumbing after his license was suspended by application of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), constitutes professional or occupational misconduct. It is noted that respondent has since been reinstated and is currently licensed to practice plumbing in New Jersey.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Sept 2007  
2006

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, as a result of his continued practice of plumbing after his license was suspended by application of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).
2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) for failing to renew his license after it expired on July 1, 2005 and for continuing to engage in the unlicensed practice of plumbing after his license was suspended, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n). Payment shall be

made simultaneous with the signing of this Consent Order. Payment of the civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Barbara Cook, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

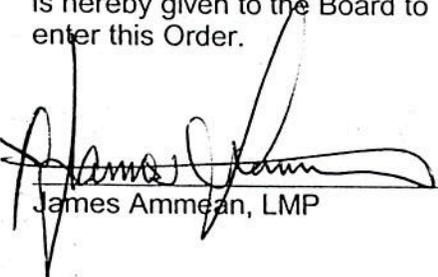
3. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order may constitute the basis for further disciplinary action by the Board, including but not limited to, suspension or revocation of respondent's master plumbing license and imposition of enhanced monetary penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By:   
Mark McManus  
Board Chairman

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

  
James Ammean, LMP

8-24-07  
Date