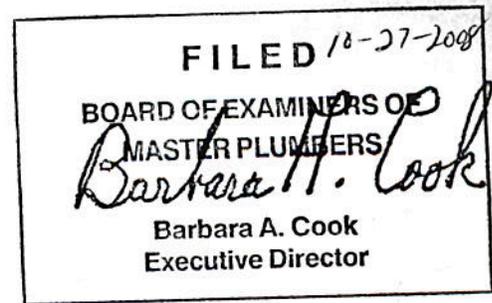


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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	Administrative Action
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ANTHONY M. COSTANZO, L.M.P.	:	PROVISIONAL ORDER
License No.36BI00459400	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE PLUMBING	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Anthony M. Costanzo, ("respondent") is a licensed master plumber licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On August 25, 2006 the Board conducted a continuing education audit involving selected licensees. Respondent was selected for the audit. Respondent previously indicated on his 2005-2007 biennial renewal that he will have completed his continuing education requirement for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal period by June 30, 2005. (Exhibit A, copy of respondent's renewal, dated May 9, 2005, attached and made a part of hereto).
3. The Board sent a letter to respondent by regular mail, dated August 25, 2006,

to his address of record with the Board. In the letter, the Board required respondent to furnish a copy of his continuing education certificate for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal period. The letter required respondent to submit a written explanation to the Board in the event he failed to complete his 2005-2007 continuing education requirement. A response was to be submitted to the Board office within twenty (20) days.

4. Respondent sent a letter to the Board, which was received on September 22, 2006, in response to his receipt of the continuing education audit letter. In the letter, respondent stated he failed to complete a continuing education course for the 2005-2007 renewal period due to illness. Respondent also sent proof indicating that he completed the requisite five credits of continuing education for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal period on October 18, 2006. (Exhibit B, copy of respondent's letter to the Board received on September 22, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto). (Exhibit C, copy of a certification from Executive Director Barbara A. Cook confirming respondent provided proof that he completed the requisite five credits of continuing education for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal period on October 18, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above preliminary findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), in that respondent has failed to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, specifically, N.J.S.A. 45:14C-18.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-6.1 et seq., in that respondent failed to successfully complete five credits of continuing education for the 2005-2007 biennial period by June 30, 2005. The above preliminary findings of fact also provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that respondent has engaged in professional or occupational misconduct by indicating on his application for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal that he will complete his continuing education requirement by June 30, 2005 when in fact respondent did not complete

the requirement until October 18, 2006.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23 day of OCTOBER, 2008,

PROVISIONALLY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$500 for failing to complete the required continuing education requirements for the 2005-2007 biennial period by June 30, 2005, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$1,000 for indicating on the application for the 2005-2007 biennial renewal that he would complete his continuing education by June 30, 2005, when in fact respondent failed to complete the requirement by that date, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). The aggregate penalty totaling \$1,500 shall be paid by money order or certified check made out to the State of New Jersey and delivered to the Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, P.O. Box 45008, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, no later than thirty (30) days after entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed.

3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Barbara Cook, Executive Director, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45008, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Additionally, if further proceedings are ordered, the Board may seek to recoup the costs of such proceedings from respondent, in addition to the sanctions and penalties stated above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By: Peter I Voros
Peter Voros
Board Chairman

