

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION  
AGENCY CASE NO. 2014-0010-HVAC  
(Division Case# KY-14-08-0011-CE)**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION    COMPLAINANT

v.

**AGREED ORDER**

STEVEN SNYDER

RESPONDENT

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1.     The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction (“DHBC”) is responsible for regulating and licensing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”) master contractors and journeyman mechanics in accordance with the provisions set forth in KRS 198B.650 through 198B.689.

2.     Steven Snyder (“Respondent”) was, at all relevant times herein, a Kentucky resident, whose residence is located at 7503 Lake Louisville Drive, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014-8598.

3.     Respondent is not, and at no time relevant time has been, licensed in Kentucky as a master HVAC contractor or a journeyman HVAC mechanic.

4.     Pursuant to KRS 198B.650(16), the practice of HVAC contracting is defined as “the installation, maintenance, altering, remodeling, or repair of heating systems, ventilation systems, hydronic systems, burner service, or cooling systems.”

5.     On August 11, 2014, DHBC inspector Michael P. Cathey discovered Respondent practicing HVAC contracting, as defined herein, in connection with a job at 303 Cecil Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, which is unoccupied real property owned by Respondent.

6. This conduct was in violation of KRS 198B.656, which makes it unlawful for a person to practice HVAC contracting without having a valid license or an applicable licensing exception in accordance with the provisions set forth in KRS 198B.650 through 198B.689.

7. In addition, no master HVAC contractor's license number was present on the vehicle used by Respondent while engaged in the practice of HVAC contracting at this address. This is a violation of KRS 198B.670, which requires that the license number of the responsible master contractor be visible on all advertising and vehicles used for the practice of HVAC contracting.

8. Finally, this conduct was in violation of the 2013 Kentucky Residential Code, Section R101.6, which requires all work involving HVAC to be provided by a licensed journeyman HVAC mechanic working under the supervision of a licensed master HVAC contractor.

9. The DHBC possesses a range of statutory and administrative authority in addressing violations of KRS 198B.650 through 198B.689 and the Uniform State Building Code, including license revocation and suspension, and the imposition of fines in an amount up to \$1000 per violation, with each day the violation continues constituting a separate offense. *See* KRS 198B.990(1).

10. In this case, the DHBC has assessed a fine against Respondent in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for engaging in the practice of HVAC contracting without valid licenses, failure to include license information on the vehicle used for HVAC contracting, and failure to have all work involving HVAC provided by a licensed journeyman mechanic or master contractor in violation of KRS 198B.656, KRS 198B.670, and the 2013 Kentucky Residential Code, Section R101.6.

11. In the interest of economically and efficiently resolving the violation(s) described herein, the parties agree as follows:

- a. Respondent agrees to a fine assessment in the total amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the violation(s) described herein;
- b. Respondent agrees to and shall pay the total fine assessed herein no later than September 26, 2014. Said payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" and mailed to the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Attn: John C. Allender, 101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; and
- c. Respondent shall cease and desist all HVAC work for which a license is required, as defined and governed by KRS 198B.650 to 198B.689, until or unless he becomes duly licensed by DHBC to engage in such work. Respondent shall devote the time and resources reasonably necessary to ensure continual and full compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements set forth in KRS 198B.650 to 198B.689 and 815 KAR Chapter 8.

12. Respondent waives his right to demand a hearing at which he would be entitled to legal representation, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and to present evidence on his own behalf, or to otherwise appeal or set aside this Order.

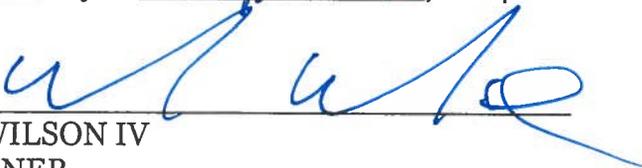
13. Respondent consents to and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the DHBC over this matter and that this Agreed Order is a matter of public record and may be disseminated as such.

14. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, Respondent for himself, and for his successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the DHBC, Office of Legal Services, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this settlement or its administration.

15. By signing below, the parties acknowledge they have read the foregoing Agreed Order, know and fully understand its contents, and that they are authorized to enter into and execute this Agreed Order and legally bind their respective parties.

16. This Agreed Order shall constitute the Final Order in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 19 day of September, 2014.

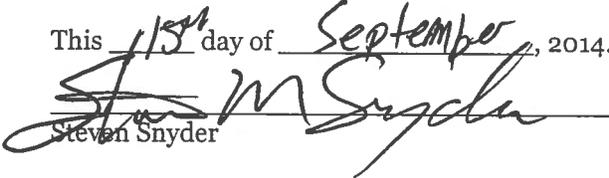
  
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AMBROSE WILSON IV  
COMMISSIONER

**Consented to:**

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

  
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David Moore, Director  
*Roger Banks, Acting Director*

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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Steven Snyder

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

STATE/Commonwealth of Kentucky )

COUNTY OF Jefferson )

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, before me William Bradford Lammi, the undersigned, Steven Snyder, did personally appear and entered into and executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

My Commission Expires: July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018

  
Notary Public

**Certificate of Service**

I, John C. Allender, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Agreed Order** was sent on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, by certified mail, to the following:

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