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## Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor Course to be Offered September 3rd Registration Deadline August 15th

The Board will offer the Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor Course on September 3, 2025 in Statesville, North Carolina. Completion of the self-study portion of the course, completion of the classroom instruction, and a passing grade of 70 or higher on the examination is required to obtain the Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor license, which is required of contractors who install multipurpose sprinkler systems in one— and two-family dwellings per NFPA Standard 13D. This standard is referenced in the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code, which will remain effective until at least July 1, 2026.

Current plumbing contractors who have been licensed for at least two years as of Septembe 3, 2025 are eligible to apply for the license and complete the course. Contractors who have provided a valid email address to the Board will receive notification of this opportunity via email, which may be intercepted by your provider's spam or junk filters. Users are responsible for checking these folders for the message.

Please read the following carefully. Failure to follow the requirements may result in the inability to attend the course or sit for the examination.

- If you plan to attend the course, send an email information@nclicensing.org with "RFSIC Course" in the subject line. State your intent to attend the course and include your full name, license number, current address, phone number, and email address.
- You will receive the self-study module documents via email from information@nclicensing.org This may go to your spam, junk, or other email folder. You are responsible for ensuring that you receive the self-study module.
- You must order NFPA I3D—2013 Edition from NFPA. Instructions will be included in the selfstudy module.
- 4. You must submit an application and \$100 fee for the Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor license, and it must be received in our office by August 15, 2025.
- 5. You must return the completed self-study module via mail or email by August 15, 2025.
- 6. You must complete the classroom instruction on September 3, 2025
- 7. You must pass the examination following the classroom session with a score of 70 or higher.
- 8. You must pay the \$150 activation fee to add the qualification to your license.
- 9. You must pay the annual renewal fees of \$300 (\$150 for Plumbing Contractor and \$150 for Residential Fire Sprinkler Contractor) by December 31st of each year.

This will be the only course offering in 2025. If you do not return the self-study module and submit your application and fee by August 15th, you will not be allowed to sit for the classroom course and examination. If you do not attend the classroom course on September 3rd, you will not be allowed to sit for the examination. If you fail the examination on September 3rd, you must wait at least 90 days before applying for a retest.

If you have any questions, send an email to information@nclicensing.org with "RFSIC Question" in the subject line.

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NC		919-647-0000 800-634-7854	NC Department of Labor	919-807-2796
•	Plumbing Code Interpretations Maggie Bowers maggie.bowers@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0062	https://www.labor.nc.gov/ NC Department of Revenue https://www.ncdor.gov/	919-252-3052
•	Mechanical & Fuel Gas Interpretations Kate Whalen	919-647-0033	NC Electrical Licensing Board https://www.ncbeec.org/	919-733-9042
•	kathryn.whalen@ncdoi.gov  Energy Interpretations		NC General Contractor Licensing Board <a href="https://ncclic.org/">https://ncclic.org/</a>	919-571-4183
Dan Dittman dan.dittman@ncdoi.gov	919-647-0012	NC Irrigation Contractors Licensing Board https://www.nciclb.org/	919-872-2229	
•	Fire Code Interpretations Charlie Johnson	919-647-0094	NC Refrigeration Licensing Board https://refrigerationboard.org/	919-779-4711
•	charlie.johnson@ncdoi.gov  Residential Interpretations (non-structural)	919-647-0009	NC Secretary of State <a href="https://www.sosnc.gov/">https://www.sosnc.gov/</a>	919-807-2225
Robert Key Robert.key@ncdoi.gov		NC Well Commission https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/	919-707-5882	
•	Accessibility Interpretations Tara Barthelmess tara.barthelmess@ncdoi.ogv	919-647-0014	north-carolina-well-contractors-certification	

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### Website Information: www.nclicensing.org (Forms)

Online license renewal is available for licensees who wish to use it and pay the renewal fee with a MasterCard or Visa. The online renewal link can be found on the home page of our website. If you do not have your username and password, or have any other questions regarding online renewal, please contact DeJaya "DJ" Soltys at 984-884-5789.

#### **Compliant Form**

- Complaint against licensed or unlicensed contractors

#### Forms Requiring Payment (check, money order or online)

- 1. Trade Name Change (licensee or firm name)
- 2. Add Sub-licensee
- 3. Delete Sub-licensee
- 4. License Activation (for examinees who have passed examination)
- 5. Request for Copy of License
- 6. Class II Plumbing or Heating Exam

#### Forms Requiring No Payment

- 1. Address Change: Licensee (may be changed online)
- 2. Address Change: Sub-licensee (may be changed online)

#### **Renewal Forms**

- 1.2024
- 2. 2024 and Previous Year(s)

#### **New Applicant Forms**

#### **NEW**— Online Application Available

- 1. Plumbing, Heating, and Fuel Piping Contractor Examination Application
- 2. Fire Sprinkler Installation & Inspection Contractor Examination Application
- 3. Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
- 4. Plumbing, Heating & Fuel Piping Technician
- 5. Fire Sprinkler Inspection Technician Examination Application (with or without NICET)
- 6. Fire Sprinkler Maintenance Technician
- 7. Book Reference List for All Applicants
- 8. Request for Exam Review (for examinees who have failed a recent exam)
- 9. Re-examination Application (for examinees who wish to retake an exam)
- 10. Customer Affidavit

#### Military & Military Spouse Applicant Forms

- I. Active Duty or Veteran: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor
- 2. Military Spouse: Plumbing, Heating, Fuel Piping and Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor

#### **Online Ordering**

- 1. Books Board's Laws & Rules and Business & Project Management for Contractors
- 2. Request for Register of Licensees
- 3. Request for Verification of License
- 4. Request for Listing of Current Applicants



## **Disciplinary Actions**

The Board is required by law to investigate every complaint received. If the findings of the investigation indicate that a violation of the laws and rules enforced by the Board have occurred by a licensed or unlicensed individual and/or firm, a number of disciplinary actions are available to the Board. Recent actions are reflected in the four reports that follow:

- Letter of Caution Report
- Consent Agreement Report

- Field Resolution and Resolution Review Committee Report
- Attorney's Report

## **Letter of Caution Report**

Upon completion of investigations, a Letter of Caution can be issued to a licensee where it is determined through an investigation that a violation has occurred by one of our licensees. The Letter of Caution is issued to address and affirm issues they should improve upon or be more mindful of for future jobs:

Name	City/Town	Date
Andrews, Richard A.	Lenoir	10/22/2024
Ingram, Glenn A.	Southern Pines	02/26/2025
Stiles, James E.	Robbinsville	04/04/2025

## **Consent Agreement Report**

A Consent Agreement is an affidavit taken from unlicensed individuals performing plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler work without a license. These individuals sign a Consent Agreement stating that they will not perform any work requiring a license until they are properly licensed to do so. If you see these individual performing contracting activities in the field, please report them to this office.

<u>Name</u>	City/Town	Date
Bradley, Gary B.	Hendersonville	04/30/2025
Durham, Jonathan	Belhaven	05/07/2025
Eastwood, Justin R.	Farmville	05/07/2025
Hilliard, Shawn P.	Burnsville	04/23/2025

<u>Name</u>	City/Town	<u>Date</u>
King, Micon	Tarboro	04/17/2025
Lancaster, Michael D.	Forest City	04/30/2025
Lindley, John	Robbins	05/26/2025

## **Resolution Agreements**

A Field Resolution Agreement is a voluntary agreement by which a licensee enters into some type of sanctions against their licensee instead of appearing before the Resolution Review Committee or the Full Board at a formal hearing. All of the Agreements are reviewed by a member of the Resolution Review Committee and then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. If a complaint has not been resolved in the field through a Field Resolution Agreement, then the case can be referred to the Resolution Review Committee. During the Resolution Review Committee meeting, a licensee can enter into a Review Committee Resolution Agreement in place of appearing before the Board at a formal hearing; the agreement is then presented to a Board hearing panel for approval prior to the agreement being adopted as a final agency decision. Cases that cannot be resolved through the use of Field Resolution Agreements or Review Committee Resolution Agreements are forwarded to formal hearings before the Board. Listed below are the different agreements entered into by the field staff and the Resolution Review Committee that have been approved by the Board. The information below does not contain all of the facts or details of each case. Specific details of any of the following cases can be obtained by e-mail (information@nclicensing.org) or upon written request to the Board's office.

#### Badgett, Ricky Jay's Heating, Air & Plumbing (dba) Mount Airy, NC License# 24151 P-I, sublicensee

Allegations licensee listed the license in the name of the firm but was actively employed full-time elsewhere and was being paid by the firm J's HVAC Unlimited LLC (DBA) Jay's Heating, Air & Plumbing \$500.00 per month for the use of the license, the licensee acknowledges that he never reviewed any of the plumbing jobs, for work that required a

license (rewater piping jobs, water heater replacements, etc.), that was performed by the firm, failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections, failed to provide supervision, and violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code.

Resolution Conference held 04/17/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Ricky Badgett, number 24151 P-I, and the license of the firm be suspended for a period of six (6) months. Among other requirements during the suspension, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. Upon successful completion of the suspension, his license, number 24151 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months.

#### Comuzie, Brian Rudy Cool's IIc Gastonia, NC License# 36386 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

failed to provide adequate supervision, failed to perform proper load calculations(s). Installed all new system (equipment and duct work) and only performed a block load calculation, failed to maintain the load calculation, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, failed to perform a Duct Design but sized the duct system with a ductolator,

and failed to respond to consumers in a timely manner/poor business practices. Resolution Conference held 04/14/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Brian Comuzie, number 36386 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during probation, within 30 days of approval of this agreement, the licensee shall refund to the homeowner in the amount of \$15,655.00, the total amount paid to the contractor by the homeowner, licensee must enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Contractor Business Management courses and complete the series of Special Mechanical Design courses.

#### Dew, Kelvin Dewpoint Heating & Cooling, L.L.C. Swansboro, NC License# 33201 H-3-II

Allegations of misconduct, the licensee failed to obtain a permit prior to commencing work, improper license issuance, installation issues, and failure to respond in a timely manner.

Kelvin Dew signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 01/30/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Kelvin Dew, number 33201 H-3-II, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

# Eastwood, James D. Burlington, NC License# 23369 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099

Form in violation of the Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512.

James Eastwood signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of James Eastwood, number 16647 H-3-I, and that of the firm, Caryl Mechanicals II, Inc., shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course, and submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's. Licensee confirmed in his affidavit that he has no employees at this time, and he is partially retired.

#### Gadoury, Brian B & P Plumbing, Inc. Archdale, NC License# 33049 P-I

Allegations the licensee violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code, seven and a half months after meeting with the boards investigator in reference to this complaint and the code violations found, and the licensee agreeing to return and correct the code issues, the licensee has failed to make the corrections, and license listed improperly (license is listed as B & P Plumbing, Inc, but is operating currently as Brian G's Plumbing, a Sole Proprietorship). Resolution Conference held 04/15/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Brian Gadoury, number 33049 P-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, by April 30, 2025, the licensee shall perform a Trade Name Change with the board's office to list his license in the name he is operating. Within 30 days of approval of this agreement, the licensee shall return to this job and correct all of the code violations with the work he performed. The licensee shall obtain a permit from the local inspection department, after corrections are made, the licensee shall call for an inspection and assure that a final approved inspection has taken place to assure the plumbing installation is compliant with the current edition of the NC State Building Codes. This work shall

be performed at no expense to the home-

owner. The licensee shall also notify David

Boulay with the board who shall also return

to this job to make sure the work has been

properly performed. Within 45 days of ap-

proval of this agreement the licensee shall

submit to the board's office evidence of an

approved final inspection for these repairs and compliance with the code. The licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Gearhart, Richard Ideal Comfort Inc. Burlington, NC License# 20548 H-3-I

Allegations licensee failed to provide adequate supervision, failed to perform load calculations(s), and violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code.

Resolution Conference held 02/21/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Richard Gearhart, 20548 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, if allowed by the homeowner, within 60 days of the institution of this agreement, the licensee shall return to the home, perform a thorough room-by-room Manual | load calculation and Manual D duct design. The contractor can hire an NC Licensed Professional Engineer who specializes in residential Manual I load calculation and Manual D duct design to do thorough calculation. If the calculation reveals that the unit and/or duct work installed is undersized or oversized, then the licensee shall obtain the required permit, replace the undersized or oversized system with properly sized equipment/duct work, at no cost to the homeowner. Within 70 days of the institution of this agreement, the licensee shall provide a copy of the calculations, and if needed, a copy of the permit and final inspection. The licensee shall also enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Mechanical Design courses.

#### Gentry, Mark Gentry & Son Plumbing, LLC Mount Airy, NC License# 19651 P-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

failed to provide supervision, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code, and installation performed in a poor workman like manner / poor workmanship.

Resolution Conference held 04/15/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Mark Gentry, number 19651 P-I, and that of the firm,

should be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, within 45 days of approval of this order, the licensee shall have added two additional plumbing sub-licensees, who have listed under the license in the firm with the board's office. The licensee shall maintain at least two sublicensees under his license, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Harpe, David Collins Heating, Air & Electrical Broadway, NC License# 23860 H-3-I

Allegations licensee was employed for Carrier Enterprises & the City of Raleigh for more than 6 years, while also actively licensing the firm Cool Change NC, LLC (owned by JD Andersen),

work was being performed by the firm while the licensee was actively licensing the firm, and performed supervision on evenings, after work was already installed in the daytime. Resolution Conference held 02/07/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of David Harpe, number 23860 H-3-I, shall be revoked.

#### Hildreth, Robert Air Plus Mechanical, LLC Charlotte, NC License# I 1034 H-2&3-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

failed to provide supervision, failed to perform load calculation(s), violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, and oversized equipment. A 2-ton system was installed in a 700 sq. ft. condominium.

Resolution Conference held 04/14/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Robert Hildreth, number 11034 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and complete the series of Special Mechanical Design courses.

Holshouser, Jason All American Heating & Air Cond. Service, Inc. St. Pauls, NC License# 33359 H-2&3-I Allegations licensee subcontracted work from an unlicensed person/firms and improperly confirmed examination experience. Resolution Conference held 02/18/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Jason Holshouser, number 33359 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Hudson, Marcus A. Custom Services LLC Pikeville, NC License# 31512 PH-1,2&3-1

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, failed to provide adequate supervision, and failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work.

Marcus Hudson signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/12/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Marcus Hudson, number 31512 PH-1,2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on a supervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

No objection or request for hearing has been received in the 60-day period.

#### Inscoe, Lathan L. CTS HVAC LLC Durham, NC License# 18402 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, selling license, and failed to withhold taxes and paid an unlicensed individual using a 1099 Form in violation of Board rule 21 NCAC 50.0512.

Lathan Inscoe signed a Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/24/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Lathan Inscoe, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (24) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course, and submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's;

#### Jenkins, Timothy A. T & M Services (dba) Lincolnton, NC License# 22333 H-3-I

Allegations licensee contracted for the replacement of a 15-ton package unit on a church where the total tonnage was greater than 30 total tons, and while the licensee and the firm only held an Heating Group 3, Class I license - Worked outside his license classification, failed to assure that the total tonnage for the job was properly listed on the permit, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, failed to assure that the support platform was properly constructed to support the weight of the condensing unit the contracted installed, and paid cash to a person working under the license without withholding taxes. Resolution Conference held 04/16/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Timothy lenkins, number 22333 H-3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and complete the series of Special Mechanical Code courses.

#### Johnson, Anthony Lee Southern Seasons Air, Inc Wake Forest, NC License# 34056 H-3-II

Allegations of misconduct, failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to provide adequate supervision, and violated the State Mechanical Code.

Anthony Johnson signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/19/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Anthony Johnson, number 34056 H-3-II, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Latham, Brian Apex, NC License# 34627 P-I

Allegations of misconduct, gross negligence, failure to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failure to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failure to provide adequate supervision, and violated the minimum standard of the North

Carolina State Plumbing Code, and installation issues with the job.

Brian Latham signed a Proposed Resolution Agreement 01/28/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of license, number 34627 P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. Within twenty (21) days from signing this agreement the licensee shall obtain a final inspection and submit evidence to the Board.

#### Long, Van W. Cothran and Long Heating & Air, Inc. Timberlake, NC License# 19143 H-1,2&3-I

Allegations of misconduct, installation issues, and violation of the State Mechanical Code. Van Long signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/17/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Van Long, number 19143 H-1,2&3-l, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Lynn, Derek Thermo Direct, Inc. Raleigh, NC License# S.23462 H-3-I

Allegations licensee mismatched a gas furnace with a cooling coil, installed a gas furnace that was over sized by about 90%, installed a 14 SEER unit, when the code required a minimum 15 SEER rating, and duct system had static duct pressures that exceeded the maximum required.

\*\*ment 01/24/2024.\*\*

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Joe Moses number 24585, H-2, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other

Resolution Conference held 02/18/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Derek Lynn, number 23462 H-3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and the series of Special Mechanical Design courses.

Miller, Charles W. Jr. Miller Services HVAC, Inc. High Point, NC License# 21432 H-2&3-I Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

failed to provide supervision, permitted a job with inadequate ductwork installation and system design, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code, obtained a permit and allowed your license number to appear on a permit on a job where the licensee did not hold the contract with the homeowner or general contractor and did not receive the contractual payment for the job, and agreed to pull a permit for an unlicensed South Carolina person to perform and did perform a commercial job with 30 tons of cooling and all new duct work).

Resolution Conference held 04/16/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Charles Miller Jr., number 21432 H-2&3-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Mechanical Code courses.

#### Moses, Joe Moses Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc. Andrews, NC License# 24585, H-2, P-I

Allegations of misconduct, installation issues, violation of the State Plumbing Code, and failure to provide adequate supervision. Joe Moses signed a Proposed Resolution Agreement 01/24/2024.

gations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Joe Moses, number 24585, H-2, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve months. Among other requirements during the probation, by February 6th, 2025, the licensee shall obtain a permit from the local code enforcement official, return to the structure, and correct any and all code violations that still exist. The contractor shall contact the building owner in advance, arrange a time to perform this work, and shall receive a final inspection by February 13th, 2025. This work shall be performed at the expense of the contractor. The licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules.

#### Norris, Jerry M. Sr. Stem, NC License# 20709 H-3-I

Licensee signed a request to voluntarily surrender his license. Jerry Norris signed Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/25/2025

The Review Committee accepted the voluntary license surrender. The license of Jerry Norris, Sr., number 20709 H-3-1, shall be surrendered to the Board. The act of surrendering the license the Board will considered as a licensing revocation.

#### Ortiz-Busigo, Javier Air Pro Heating & Air Conditioning Fayetteville, NC

License# 34809 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct and failure to obtain a permit prior to commencing work. Javier Ortiz-Busigo signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 03/03/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Javier Ortiz -Busigo, number 34809 H-3-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, within twenty (21) days from signing this agreement the licensee shall obtain a final inspection of the subject properties and submit evidence to the Board. The licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Puckett, John T., III A Clean Water Company LLC High Point, NC License# 36842, P-I

Allegations of installation issues, violation of the State Plumbing Code, contractual issues, licensee issuance, <u>failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work</u>, failed to provide supervision, and failure to provide adequate response.

John Puckett III signed a Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/07/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of John Puckett, number 36842, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, by February 14th, 2024, assure that his contact information is up to date and accurate, shall submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's, by February 14th, 2025, assure that the mechanical lien is removed from the, the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Contractor Business Management courses.

#### Smith, Edward D. Doug Smith Plumbing Aberdeen NC License# 19055 P-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, and failed to obtain a permit prior to commencing work.

Edward Smith signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 01/13/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Edward Smith, number 19055 P-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Among other requirements during the probation, obtain a permit and final inspection for the above-described backflow installation job (work shall be permitted and inspected within the next fourteen (14) days of signing the agreement, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Spear, Dutchie Crossroads Fuel Service Inc. Hertford, NC License# 20920 FP

Allegations licensee violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Mechanical Code in that the licensee installed a set of unventilated gas logs in the Owners Retreat, which owners retreat included a walk-in closet and an owner's master bathroom, installed gas piping that was put under 5 different air pressures, yet still leaked causing an explosion within the master bedroom and caused damage to the building structure, and failed to provide adequate supervision. Resolution Conference held 02/18/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Dutchie Speak, Jr., number 20920 FP, and the license of the firm be suspended for a period of six (6) months. Among other requirements during the suspension, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course. Upon successful completion of the suspension, his license, number 20920 FP, and that of the firm shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Fuel Gas Code and Design courses.

Stafford, Douglas C. Groovy's Plumbing, LLC. Cana, VA License# 11007 P-I Allegations licensee failed to provide supervision, allowed the use of license by unlicensed persons by the firm issuing 1099's to unlicensed persons, failed to execute all contracts for work performed that requires a license, failed to meet the 1500 hours requirement, or all hours work that requires a license being on the jobs, and peddling license

Resolution Conference held 04/17/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Douglas Clifton Stafford, number 11007 P-I, and that of the firm be placed on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

#### Waters, Justin Washington, NC License# 21530 P-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

failed to provide adequate supervision, violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code, allowed the use of license by unlicensed persons by issuing 1099's to unlicensed persons, and engaged in business under a different name or style of business than appears on his license. Resolution Conference held 02/26/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Justin Waters, number 21530 P-I, and that of the firm, be placed on supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Watkins, Sean E. Watkins Plumbing Services, LLC Rocky Mount, NC License# 35418, P-I

Allegations of misconduct, failed to provide adequate supervision, installation issues, and violation of the State Plumbing Code. Sean Watkins signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/26/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Sean Watkins, number 35418, P-I, and that of the firm, shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, submit to the Board's office within the next

thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's, the licensee shall enroll in, attend and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and complete the series of Special Contractor Business Management courses.

#### Whisnant, Robert Mooresboro, NC License# 14088, P-I

Allegations of misconduct, selling license, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, violation of the State Plumbing Code, installation issues, and failed to provide adequate supervision.

Robert Whisnant signed the Proposed Resolution Agreement 02/11/2025.

The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Robert Whisnant, number 14088, P-I, and that of the firm shall be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, submit to the Board's office within the next thirty (30) days copies of all employee W-4's and by the end of the probation submit a copy of all employee W-2's, and the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course.

#### Zube, Paul E. Sr. Hickory, NC License# 20546 P-I

Allegations licensee failed to obtain permit(s) prior to commencing work, failed to request inspections within 10 days of substantial completion of work, failed to obtain final inspections,

violated the minimum standard of the North Carolina State Plumbing Code, and engaged in business as Paul' Plumbing and Drain but presented an invoice to the homeowner from Tactical Plumbing Service, a different name than appears on his license, Resolution Conference held 04/15/2025. The Review Committee found that the allegations were supported by the evidence and recommended that the license of Paul Zube, number 20546 P-I, and that of the firm, be placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Among other requirements during the probation, the licensee shall enroll in, attend, and complete the Special Board Laws & Rules course and complete the series of Special Plumbing Code and Design courses.

#### **Attorney's Report**

The Attorney's Report contains information pertaining to cases that have been adjudicated in a formal proceeding of the Board or in the courts of North Carolina. Disciplinary actions against licensed contractors are typically imposed during a Formal Hearing of the Board. Court action is necessary when unlicensed individuals are in violation of the Board's Laws and Rules or in circumstances where licensees are found to be in violation of any order(s) issued by the Board.

#### Bailey, Sean Greensboro, NC

Formal Hearing held April 10, 2025. Order approving applicant to sit for exam served DeWitt, Harvey 4/26/25.

#### Bertelli, Jared A. Charlotte, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a Voluntary Dismissal filed 4/16/25. valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/29/25 enjoining the Defendant Digh Sr., Hunter from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to

#### Bivens, Matthew D. Lincolnton, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/16/25 enjoining the Defendant Duckett, Scott from engaging in business as a plumbing or Greenville, SC heating contractor until properly licensed to Allegations of plumbing contracting without a Koester, Wayne do so.

#### **Bunn, Preston** Kinston, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/10/25 enjoining the Defendant Eastmond, Howard from engaging in business as a plumbing or do so

#### Carlton III, John P. Raleigh, NC

Order approved 4/10/25 and served 4/15/25 |ail; however, the sentence was suspended heating contractor until properly licensed to which places Respondents on 24 months of and the Defendant placed on 12 months do so. supervised probation for violation of GS 87- unsupervised probation. The Defendant was 23 and the Rules of the Board.

#### Cruz, Rogelio Winston Salem, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 5/20/25 enjoining the Defendant Foster, Chris from engaging in business as a plumbing or Walnut Cove, NC heating contractor until properly licensed to Allegations of plumbing contracting without a do so. Defendant served 5/29/25.

#### Dalton, Gordon Hampstead, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/16/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or

do so.

## Startex, SC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Complaint for injunctive relief

## Dallas, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a Jones, Faucia valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/23/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to

valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/9/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to

Allegations of heating contracting without a heating contractor until properly licensed to valid license in violation of a prior Judgment Lopez, Israel of Permanent Injunction. Show Cause Hearing scheduled for 5/12/25. Defendant served 3/26/25. Order of Civil and Criminal Contempt filed 5/13/25. The Defendant was Formal Hearing set for April 2025. Consent sentenced to 30 days in the Wake County from engaging in business as a plumbing or also ordered to pay partial restitution to the Lugo, Christian U. F. homeowner in the amount of \$4,190.00 within 60 days and a fine in the amount of within 30 days of the entry of the Order.

valid license. Complaint for injunctive relief filed 3/1/22. A&P summons issued 5/19/23. Service difficulties. May be out of state. Voluntary Dismissal filed 6/13/25.

#### Galloway, Larry W. Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license in violation of prior Judgment of

heating contractor until properly licensed to Permanent Injunction. Order of Contempt filed 4/28/25. The Defendant was sentenced to 30 days in the Wake County Jail, which sentence was suspended, and the Defendant was placed on unsupervised probation for 12 months. The Defendant was also ordered to pay a \$1,500.00 fine to the Wake County filed 5/31/24. Unable to locate Defendant. Clerk, pay partial restitution of \$1,000.00 to Mr. Bobby Benson and pay attorneys' fees in the amount of \$1,000.00 within 30 days of the entry of this Order.

## Clover, SC

Allegations of plumbing & heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/11/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

## Sophia, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/7/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

## Charlotte, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/4/25 enjoining the Defendant

## Hendersonville, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a \$500.00 to Wake County Clerk of Court valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 4/16/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Maldonado, Marlon O. R. Concord, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/2/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 6/5/25.

#### Maynor, Kalab M. La Grange, NC

do so.

#### Mobley, Berry J. Pink Hill, NC

tion filed 4/11/25 enjoining the Defendant this Order. from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to Schermerhorn, Christopher M. do so.

#### Patterson, Niako D. Charlotte, NC

from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Plierce, Jeremy P. Greenville, NC

from engaging in business as a plumbing or do so. heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Reinhardt, Tommy C. Maiden, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc- valid license in violation of a prior Judgment tion filed 4/7/25 enjoining the Defendant of Permanent Injunction. Order of Criminal from engaging in business as a plumbing or Contempt filed 2/11/25. The Defendant was heating contractor until properly licensed to sentenced to 30 days in the Lincoln County lail, which sentence was suspended, and the Defendant was placed on unsupervised probation for 12 months. The Defendant was Wears, Patrick ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine to the Lincoln Allegations of plumbing contracting without a County Clerk and \$60.00 to the Board for valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc- service fees within 30 days of the entry of a valid license. Judgment of Permanent In-

## Charleston, SC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a valid license.

Judgment of Permanent Injunction by Sum-Allegations of plumbing contracting without a mary Judgment filed 6/16/25 enjoining the valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc- Defendant from engaging in business as a tion filed 6/17/25 enjoining the Defendant plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Slack, Jerry Lexington, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc-Allegations of plumbing contracting without a tion filed 5/29/25 enjoining the Defendant Wilmington, NC valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunc- from engaging in business as a plumbing or Formal Hearing set for April 2025. Consent tion filed 6/17/25 enjoining the Defendant heating contractor until properly licensed to Order approved 4/10/25 and served 4/15/25

#### Velasquez, Kervis Landis, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 6/6/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Defendant served 6/11/25.

## Arden, NC

Allegations of fuel piping contracting without junction filed 5/20/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so.

#### Worthy, Marcus Charlotte, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a valid license. Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 3/14/25 enjoining the Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing or heating contractor until properly licensed to do so. Hearing for Costs scheduled for 7/28/25.

## Yerkes, Christopher G.

accepting surrender of Respondents' license.