

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS**

In the Matter of:
Vincent E. Hall, and Cinlor, LLC
License No. CLG-109232,
Respondent

Case No. 2005-209
OGC File No. 2007-0022

ORDER

This matter came before the Contractor's Licensing Board (the Board) for hearing on August 16, 2007, as a result of the notice to appear dated January 11, 2007, which was served upon the Respondent and filed with the Board. A quorum of the Board was present. The hearing was held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §§40-11-110 and -120, SC Code Ann. §40-1-70(6), Regulation 93-250, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (the APA), S.C. Code Ann. §1-23-10, *et seq.* (1976), as amended, to determine whether sanctions should be imposed upon the Respondent. The State was represented by Christa T. Bell, Assistant General Counsel. The Respondent did not appear and was not represented by counsel.

The Respondent was charged with violation of S.C. Code Ann. §§40-11-110(A)(10) and (21) (2005).

Findings of Fact

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the whole record, the Board finds the facts of the case to be as follows:

1. The Respondent is currently licensed by the Board, and was so licensed at all times relevant to the issues in this matter, with a general contractor's license under the name of *Cinlor, LLC*. He has a building classification license with a BD-2 limitation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per project.
2. The Respondent requested a building permit, on or about March 22, 2004, for a new, single-family residence located at 1178 Old Cherry Hill Road, in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, in the amount of one hundred, seventy-nine thousand, six hundred, thirty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents (\$179,638.76), exceeding his general contractor's building classification license limitation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
3. The Respondent entered into a contractual agreement with an unlicensed contractor,

Robert M. Welch, to perform work for the above-listed project, for which a license is required. He acknowledged knowing this contractor was not licensed, and that he worked with him on several previous projects.

Conclusions of Law

Based upon careful consideration of the facts in this case, the Board finds as a matter of law that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter, and upon finding that a licensee has violated any of the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §§40-1-110 and 40-11-110, may issue a public reprimand; revoke a license; place a licensee on probation or restrict or suspend the individual's license for a definite or indefinite time and prescribe conditions to be met during probation, restriction, or suspension including, but not limited to, satisfactory completion of additional education, or a supervisory period, or of continuing education programs; and impose the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of a case. Additionally, the Board may require a licensee, certificate holder, or other entity or individual to pay a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars for each violation.
2. The Respondent violated SC Code Ann. §40-11-110(A)(10) (2005) in that he knowingly entered into a contract with an unlicensed contractor for work which requires a license.
3. The Respondent violated SC Code Ann. §40-11-110(A)(21) (2005) in that he contracted for work exceeding the Group Two limitation on his license.
3. The sanction recommended is consistent with the purpose of these proceedings and is made after weighing the public interest and the need for the continued services of qualified contractors against the countervailing concern that society be protected from professional misconduct and ineptitude.
4. The sanction imposed is designed not to punish the Respondent, but to protect the life, health, and welfare of the public at large.

Now, Therefore, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that:


1. The Respondent shall pay a fine of Two Thousand Dollars per violation (\$2,000.00) for a total fine of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). This fine shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the date of this order. This fine shall not be deemed to be paid

until it is received by the Board.

2. The Respondent's license is suspended for a period of six (6) months.

And it is so Ordered,

Contractor's Licensing Board

By: 
Lewis M. Caswell, Chairperson

21 August, 2007.



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