



July 1, 2015

Martin Covarrubias Aguilar  
3688 Robin Lane  
Eagan, MN 55122

Re: Administrative Order  
Our File Number: REG. 1502-00059/KBU

Dear Mr. Covarrubias:

As you know, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division, has received evidence that your company has engaged in violations of Minn. Stat. § 181.723(2014) and Minn. Stat. § 326B.081 to 326B.085 (2014). The Department has concluded its investigation into this matter. This letter is to inform you of the results of that investigation.

Enclosed is an Administrative Order we issued today ordering you to cease and desist from performing any public or private commercial or residential construction or improvement services, and pay a monetary penalty of \$1,000 for failure to respond in full to a subpoena duces tecum. The monetary penalty will be due and payable 20 days after the date the Administrative Order becomes final.

You have the right to contest the Administrative Order by requesting a hearing within 30 days of the issuance of the Order. In the event a hearing is requested, the hearing would be held before an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") who, after hearing the evidence, would make a determination of whether or not violations have occurred.

The ALJ would then issue a recommendation to the Commissioner as to whether the violations were proven and the penalty reasonable. If the ALJ finds that the violation occurred and the penalty is reasonable, the Order will become final and the monetary penalty will become due and owing. Once the Order becomes final, the monetary penalty will be reduced to a judgment in Ramsey County District Court and any other appropriate district court, and collection procedures will commence. You would have the right to be represented by legal counsel throughout these proceedings, but you are not required to have one.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, or the enclosed Order, feel free to contact the undersigned investigator directly.

Sincerely,

Karen Bugar, Senior Investigator  
Construction Codes and Licensing Division  
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Enclosure: Administrative Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Department of Labor and Industry

In the Matter of Martin Covarrubias Aguilar

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
WITH PENALTY**

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**I. ORDER**

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Commissioner”) issues this Order against Martin Covarrubias Aguilar (“Respondent”).

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 326B.701 (2014); 326B.082, subd. 7 (2014) and 326B.083 (2014) the Commissioner hereby assesses against Respondent a monetary penalty of \$1,000.

The Commissioner also hereby orders Respondent to cease and desist from violating the laws cited in the “Conclusions of Law” section of this Administrative Order. Specifically, the Commissioner orders Respondent, individually or doing business in any business name, to cease and desist from performing public or private sector commercial or residential building construction or improvement services for which licensure or registration in the Construction Contractor Registration Program (“Registration Program”) is required in the State of Minnesota.

The Commissioner takes the above action based upon the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

**II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a principal of Midwest Commercial Roofing, LLC, a contractor registered with the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (“Department”) through the Registration Program, registration No. IR673112. Respondent’s address is: 105 Wentworth Place, Burnsville, MN 55337. Respondent’s address with the Minnesota Secretary of State as listed in the Articles of Organization is: 3688 Robin Lane, Eagan, MN 55122.
2. On February 27, 2015, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Department”) opened an investigation of Respondent based on information that indicated Respondent may have engaged in violations of the Minnesota statutes and rules governing worker classification in the construction industry.
3. On March 3, 2015, a Department investigator mailed a subpoena duces tecum via first-class and certified mail to Respondent’s business address. The subpoena required the production of documentation relating to the subcontractors, contractors, and employees of Respondent’s company, Midwest Commercial Roofing, LLC. The subpoena required a response within 20 days.

4. Delivery of the subpoena sent via certified mail was returned by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) as “Forward Time Exp” on March 31, 2015. The forwarding address was listed as: 3413 Longfellow Avenue, Apt #2, Minneapolis, MN 55407. The subpoena sent via first-class mail was not returned by the USPS.
5. On April 1, 2015, the Department investigator mailed a second request for information to Respondent’s business at the Longfellow Avenue address. This letter was not returned by the USPS.
6. The Commissioner has not received a reply from Respondent as of the date of this Order.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent committed violations of applicable law. Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723, 326B.701, and 326B.082, subd. 7 (2014).
2. Respondent failed to comply with a subpoena issued by the Commissioner. Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 11 (b)(6) (2014).
3. Respondent failed to notify the commissioner within 15 days after there was a change in the information on the registration in violation of Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subd. 3(b) (9)(d) (2014).
4. Respondent submitted false or misleading information to the state in connection with the application for contractor registration in violation of Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 11(b)(2) (2014).

### **IV. DETERMINATION OF PENALTY AMOUNT**

In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner considered: the extent of deviation from compliance; whether the violations were willful; the gravity of the violations; the number of violations; whether there is a history of past violations; whether Respondent gained economic benefit in not complying with the law; and other factors as justice may require.

### **V. REQUEST FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2014), Respondent shall have 30 days after issuance of this Administrative Order to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the Commissioner at the following address or fax number by the deadline.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry  
CCLD – Enforcement Services Unit  
Attention: Charlie Durenberger  
443 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Fax number: (651) 284-5746

The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. The request for hearing must specifically state the reasons for seeking review of the order. If the request for hearing is served by fax it cannot exceed 15 pages in length and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on the last day permitted for serving a request. Respondent's review rights are more thoroughly described in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 4 and 8 (2014).

If Respondent submits to the Commissioner a timely request for hearing, the Administrative Order shall be stayed unless otherwise ordered by a judge, and a contested case hearing will be conducted. The contested case procedures are set out in chapter 14 of Minnesota Statutes, the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 (2013), and Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2014). These materials may be purchased from the Minnesota Book Store, telephone (651) 297-3000, and are also available at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov).

## VI. EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER

If Respondent does not request a hearing or Respondent's request for a hearing is not served on or faxed to the Commissioner by the deadline specified in the "Request for Hearing" section of this Administrative Order, this Administrative Order shall become a final order of the Commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2014).

The monetary penalty assessed upon Respondent by this Administrative Order is due and payable on the date the Administrative Order becomes final. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3(a) (2014).

When this Administrative Order becomes final, the Commissioner may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 16D.17 and 326B.083, subd. 2 (2014). Failure to pay a monetary penalty owed may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the Commissioner. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 17 (2014). Also, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2014), Respondent is hereby notified that thirty (30) days after the date this Administrative Order becomes final, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13, subd. 2 (2014) will begin to accrue on the unpaid portion of the penalty.

Dated: 7/1/15

KEN B. PETERSON  
Commissioner



BY: CHARLIE DURENBERGER  
Director of Licensing and Enforcement  
Construction Codes and Licensing Division  
Department of Labor and Industry