CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

Held by: **COREY ROBERT CARLSON** **CARLSON PLUMBING, INC.** **3728 EDGERTON STREET** **VADNAIS HEIGHTS, MN 55127**	**FINDING OF FACT** **CONCLUSION** **AND** **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L101 50041 CARLSON PLUMBING
for PLUMBER

08-0628571

This matter came to the attention of the License Division as a result of a complaint from Plumbing Inspector Kara Topper and Code Compliance Inspector Sheila Rawski. A hearing was held on Friday, May 23, 2008. Corey Carlson, the President of Carlson Plumbing, Inc, agreed to the following findings of fact.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. **On April 1, 2008, Plumbing Inspector Kara Topper notified Business Licenses that Carlson Plumbing, Inc failed to obtain permits at 2659 Queen Avenue North, 3955 Emerson Avenue North and 3750 Queen Avenue North. Permits were not obtained at 2659 Queen Avenue North because the property had been condemned and required code compliance inspections before a permit could be issued.**

2. **On April 3, 2008, Plumbing Inspector Kara Topper notified Business Licensesthat Carlson Plumbing, Inc had failed to obtained another permit at 3710 Girard Avenue North. Inspector Topper also reported that apprentices were working at the site without proper supervision. An administrative citation in the amount of $200 was issued permitting employees to perform plumbing work without a certificate of competency. The citation was paid by the date specified in the order.**

3. **On April 4, 2008, Lead License Inspector Julie Casey sent orders to Carlson Plumbing, Inc to provide copies of all contract written in the City of Minneapolis**

since January 2007. A review of the records found that permits were obtained after completion of the work at 2648 Russell Avenue North.

4. Discussion in the License Settlement Conference indicated that Mr. Carlson had some confusion over the rules for obtaining permits and performed work at condemned and vacant and boarded buildings. Mr. Carlson would start work without understanding that code compliance inspections must be performed before any work could begin. Mr. Carlson also misunderstood the policies and ordinances regarding emergency repairs.

CONCLUSIONS

Carlson Plumbing, Inc failed to obtain necessary permits, on at least six occasions, in the City of Minneapolis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The City of Minneapolis imposes a $1,000 sanction for failing to obtain required plumbing permits prior to the start of work . $500 of this sanction will be stayed for a two year period pending no same or similar violations.
2. Carlson Plumbing, Inc will provide a copy of the system they have implemented to ensure that all permits will be obtained in the City of Minneapolis.
3. Carlson Plumbing, Inc agrees that all future worked performed in the City of Minneapolis will have permits as stipulated by city ordinances. Emergency work must have permits obtained within 24 hours.
4. Carlson Plumbing, Inc agrees to honor all inspection orders by the date specified on the order unless an extension of the date of the order is requested.
5. Carlson Plumbing, Inc will, within the next 60 days, arrange for inspections on all outstanding permits. Corporate officials agree tha the appropriate inspector will be notified when the work is completed.
6. Carlson Plumbing, Inc agrees that they will work under a contract/agreement for any work performed in the City of Minneapolis. The contract/agreement shall include the scope of work to be performed and whether the work is being performed for time plus materials or for a set contract amount.

Carlson Plumbing understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. As such, it is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any agreed upon or stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

Business

Carlson Plumbing

By: _____
(signature)

Its: President
(title)

Dated: 6-10, 2008

For the City of Minneapolis:

_____
Ricardo Cervantes
Deputy Director of Licenses

Dated: June 12, 2008