BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Michael Grijalva Certified Home Inspector Certification No. 65591 Case No.: HI23-038

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondent

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Michael Grijalva ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 65591, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case and acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.
- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.

- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.
- 5. Respondent understands this document, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board, and all related exhibits and materials are public records upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.
- 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number HI23-038 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 8. Respondent understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.
- 10. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its

authority to hold a formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it shall be withdrawn and of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

- 11. Respondent understands if a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of Home Inspection in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Certified Home Inspector Certification No. 65591, issued by the Board on November 17, 2017.
- 3. At all times relevant to the allegations of this Consent Agreement, Arizona Certified Home Inspector Certification No. 65591was active.
- 4. On or about January 4, 2022, Respondent conducted a home inspection at 2332 S Orchard View Rd, in Green Valley, Arizona.
- 5. On or about April 19, 2023, the Board received a complaint alleging that after conducting a home inspection on or about January 4, 2022, at 2332 S. Orchard View Rd, Green Valley, Arizona, Respondent failed to report that the prior owners illegally put in gas via a flex line on the roof which ran though the interior walls of the home. It is also alleged that Respondent failed to report on the visible flex lines entering and exiting the

interior wall by the stove.

- 5. On November 16, 2023, an Enforcement Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting was held to discuss the case. After reviewing the evidence and interviewing Allegers and Respondent, the Committee unsubstantiated the first allegation. The Committee did substantiate the second allegation that Respondent failed to properly report on the visible flex lines entering and exiting the interior wall by the stove. The Committee reviewed the home inspection report and found that based on the Standards of Professional Practice for Arizona Home Inspectors ("S.O.P.") Respondent:
 - a. Failed to include the inspector's certification number in the agreement as required per SOP 2.2.A.3;
 - b. Failed to include the firm address in the agreement as required per SOP 2.2.A.3;
 - c. Failed to properly report on the condition of the floor structure as required per SOP 4.1.A.2;
 - d. Failed to properly report on the type of structural column as required per SOP 4.2.A.4;
 - e. Failed to properly report on the condition of the roof/ceiling structure as required per SOP 4.1.A.5 and A.6;
 - f. Failed to correctly identify the type of supply distribution pipe as required per SOP 7.2.A.1;
 - g. Failed to properly report on the condition of the pipe supports and insulation as required per SOP 7.1.A.1;
 - h. Failed to properly report on the type and condition of the electrical service equipment as required per SOP 8.1.B;
 - i. Failed to properly report on the type and condition of the main electrical service entrance conductor as required per SOP 8.1.A, and 8.2.A.2;
 - j. Failed to properly report on the condition of the electrical system circuit

breakers as required per SOP 8.1.D;

- k. Failed to properly report on the condition and the presence of the automatic safety controls for the gas furnace as required per SOP 9.1.A.3;
- Failed to properly report on the cooling source in each room as required per SOP 10.1.B.2;
- m. Failed to properly report on the condition and presence of the dryer ventilation as required per SOP 12.1.C.

During his interview with the EAC Committee, Respondent admitted that he failed to report on the gas flex line during his Home Inspection and acknowledged his failure to report on the flex line from the wall into the stove. In addition, Respondent acknowledged to the missing deficiencies outlined by the Committee.

- 6. On February 20, 2024, Board staff learned that on or about October 19, 2023, Respondent submitted a renewal application in which he answered "no" to the question if he had been investigated and/or disciplined by any regulatory agency since his last renewal and answered "no" to the question if has any pending investigations by any regulatory agency at this time. According to Board records, Respondent is currently under investigation for HI23-038.
- 7. Respondent stated that his assistant helped him complete his renewal application, and at the time checked his current status online at the Board and did not find that there was a pending investigation, to which his response on the application was "no". Respondent stated that this was not intentional but an oversight on his part and that the error should have been caught before his renewal application was submitted.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301.0.1, in that Respondent failed to conduct a Home Inspection in accordance with the Standard of Practice for Arizona Home Inspectors.

3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) and A.R.S. § 32-145(5) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(1), in that Respondent submitted false statements and failed to disclose material facts requested in connection with an application for registration.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

- 1. LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of One Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 3. RESTITUTION. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of his Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay restitution to Complainants Clarence and Christine Anderson, in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for the cost of the Anderson Inspection. Respondent shall provide proof of payment to the client to the Board of Technical Registration showing payment was made.
- 4. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to the Board in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$194.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).
- 5. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws as well as all rules governing the practice of Home Inspection in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules and statues governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Board may also consider Respondent's non-compliance with this Order as a separate

violation of A.R.S. § 32-150.

- 6. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew their Arizona registration as a Certified Home Inspector, and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.
- 8. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 9. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has been violated.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 26th day of March

	Michael Kolejka, R.A., Chairman Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
Consent Agreement and Order, Nrch , 2024.	No. HI23-038 accepted this 19 day of

Michael Grijalva, Respondent

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