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### BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

### BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Michael York
R.L.S. #19862

Respondent

Case No. P21-019

CONSENT AGREEMENT
and
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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 York ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 19862, 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. He further 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. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records (as defined in A.R.S. § 41-158.18) 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 P21-019 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 also 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. 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 is withdrawn and shall be 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

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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. 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 Land Surveying in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Registered Land Surveyor, Registration No. 19862.
- 3. On August 24, 2020 Board staff received an anonymous complaint alleging that Respondent's ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey for the River Square Apartments in Pima County, Arizona conducted on or about March 3, 2015, did not contain sufficient curve information to close the lot, did not find or set the two north corner monuments, failed to make it clear if found monuments were accepted and did not tag the monuments, accepted a magnetic symbol for corners in the parking lot which may or may not be an original monument, failed to show the wall along the south and west side in relation to the boundary, failed to show ties from the boundary to the buildings, and failed to record the survey with found monuments not of record.
- 4. On October 21, 2020 Board staff received Respondent's response to the Notice of Investigation. Respondent acknowledged "there may have been some deficiencies" in the land survey. Respondent stated that the owner had recently had the parking lot resealed and did not want to dig up the set monuments. Respondent stated the "curve data is correct as shown" and indicated that he would "prepare and record" this survey.

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- 5. On November 20, 2020 Board staff received a case assessment from Michael Weir, R.L.S. #7247, who substantiated the allegations in this case. Mr. Weir noted that "there is insufficient curve data on the North lot" and that 7 of the 9 property corners were not set or found. Mr. Weir also noted that Respondent failed to record his survey. Mr. Weir offered that Respondent acknowledged the violations in his land survey in his response to the Board.
- 6. On December 11, 2020 Board staff received a case assessment from Dan Francetic, who substantiated the allegations in this case. In his assessment, Mr. Francetic wrote, "There is a curve in the northwest corner of the lot that the Respondent failed to dimension and did not recognize in his response documents." Mr. Fracetic also noted that Respondent did not find or set the two north corner monuments, failed to show ties from the boundary to the buildings and did not record the survey. Mr. Francetic also noted that Respondent acknowledged the deficiencies in his land survey and recommended that Respondent be instructed to follow through on completing the survey.

## 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(13), in that Respondent failed to conduct a land boundary survey in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards.
- 3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. 33-105(A) and A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(4), in that Respondent failed to file a record of a land survey not later than ninety days after its completion with the county recorder of the county where the land is located if such survey establishes points or lines relating to land boundaries or property lines.

#### 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.

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- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 3. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within thirty (30) days 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 Sixty-Five Dollars (\$165.00) 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).
- 4. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, as well as, all rules governing the practice of Land Surveying in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules and statutes 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.
- 5. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew their Arizona registration as a Land Surveyor, and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 6. 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.
- 7. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 8. 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.

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10	Consent Agreement and Order, No. P21-019 accepted this 22 day of January, 2021.
12	Michael York, Respondent
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1.4	February . 2021, with:
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17	Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
18	1110 W. Washington, Suite 240 Phoenix, AZ 85007
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