

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION  
AGENCY CASE NO. 2015-0017-HVAC  
(Division Case# KY-14-10-0014-CE)**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING,  
BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, and  
THE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AND  
AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS

COMPLAINANT

v.

**AGREED ORDER**

LOUNOVA SEXTON d/b/a SEXTON ELECTRICAL,  
HEATING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

RESPONDENT

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1. The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (“DHBC”) and the Board of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Contractors (“HVAC Board”) regulate and license heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”) master contractors and journeyman mechanics in accordance with the provisions set forth in KRS 198B.650 through 198B.689. Additionally, the DHBC and HVAC Board enforce all statutes, regulations, and applicable code requirements related to HVAC work in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

2. Lounova Sexton, d/b/a. Sexton Electrical, Heating and Refrigeration, Inc. (“Respondent”) was, at all relevant times herein, a Tennessee resident residing at 1532 Baker Highway, Huntsville, TN 37756-4130, and doing business in Kentucky.

3. Respondent is currently a Kentucky licensed Master HVAC Contractor (license #HM00544), and a licensed Journeyman HVAC Mechanic (license #HJ00982), and has been since August 18, 2014.

4. On September 30, 2014, the DHBC investigated whether Respondent had obtained a permit for the HVAC work his company performed at a commercial work site located at Pine Knott Freewill Baptist Church, 94 Cemetery Road, Pine Knott, KY 42635. The DHBC established that Respondent had commenced HVAC work requiring a permit at the site, but had not applied for or obtained a permit for the HVAC work at this address until after work had commenced. Respondent's failure to apply for the permit before starting the work violated KRS 198B.6671(1); 815 KAR 8:070, Section 2; and the 2013 Kentucky Building Code, Section 105.1. In addition, Respondent's Master HVAC Contractor License number was not displayed on a vehicle used for Respondent's HVAC work, in violation of violated KRS 198B.670.

5. Accordingly, on March 13, 2015, the DHBC notified Respondent in writing of the intent to take action against his Master HVAC Contractor license and impose fines, advised him of his right to request an administrative hearing pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B, and offered him the opportunity to resolve the matter via agreed order.

6. The DHBC possesses a range of statutory and administrative authority in addressing violations of KRS 198B.650 through 198B.689, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the Uniform State Building Code, including license revocation and suspension, and the imposition of fines in an amount up to \$1,000 per violation, with each day the violation continues constituting a separate offense. *See* KRS 198B.990(1).

7. In this case, the DHBC has imposed a fine against Respondent for the above-referenced violations.

8. In the interest of economically and efficiently resolving the violations described herein, the parties agree as follows:

a. Respondent has agreed to and shall pay a total fine of \$500.00. Said payment may be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" and mailed to the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Attn: Victoria K. Holmes, 101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 100, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601; or may be made by credit or debit card.

b. Respondent shall not engage in HVAC activity in the absence of the appropriate license, and shall devote the time and resources reasonably necessary to ensure continual and full compliance with the Uniform State Building Code, and all statutory and regulatory requirements set forth in KRS 198B.650 to 198B.689 and 815 KAR Chapter 8; and

c. The DHBC agrees to pursue no further administrative action against the Respondent based upon the violations described herein.

9. Respondent waives his right to an administrative hearing or to otherwise appeal or set aside this Order.

10. Respondent consents to and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the DHBC over this matter and that this Agreed Order is a matter of public record and may be disseminated as such.

11. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, Respondent for himself, and for his successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the DHBC, Office of Legal Services, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands

whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph or Agreed Order arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this settlement, or its administration.

12. By signing below, the parties acknowledge they have read the foregoing Agreed Order, know and fully understand its contents, and that they are authorized to enter into and execute this Agreed Order and legally bind their respective parties.

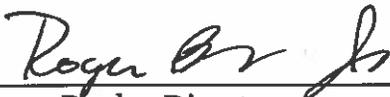
13. This Agreed Order shall constitute the Final Order in this matter.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015.

  
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GARY A. FECK  
Acting Commissioner  
Department of Housing, Buildings  
and Construction,  
Chairman of the Board of Heating,  
Ventilation, and Air Conditioning  
Contractors

**Agreed to:**

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015.

  
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Roger Banks, Director  
Division of HVAC  
Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction

**Agreed to:**

This 24 day of MARCH 2015.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

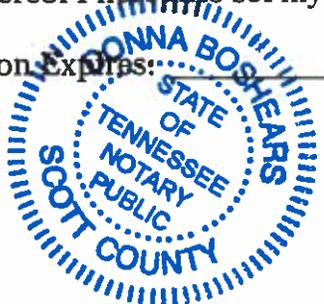
STATE/Commonwealth of TN

COUNTY OF SCOTT

On this the 24 day of March 2015, before me Donna Boshears, the undersigned, LOUNOVA SEXTON, did personally appear and entered into and executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

My Commission Expires: 11-21-18



Donna Boshears  
Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A true and accurate copy of the foregoing *Agreed Order* was served via U.S. Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, to the following:

Lounova Sexton /  
Sexton Electrical, Heating and Refrigeration, Inc.  
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