# BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

#### **BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION**

In the Matter of:	) Case No.: P24-065
Gerard Gomez Non-Registrant	CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE
Responder	nt )

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, Gerard Gomez, Non-Registrant, ("Respondent") 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 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 P24-065 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 Board staff, 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 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 profession of Land Surveying in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is not currently registered with the Board as a Land Surveyor, nor was he registered with the Board as a Registered Land Surveyor at any time relevant to the allegations underlying this Consent Agreement.
- 3. In or around May 2021, Respondent entered into a verbal agreement via phone with A&E Design Services to perform a topographic survey for a new house build in Fountain Hills, Arizona.
- 4. In or around May of 2021, Respondent conducted and created a topographic survey in Fountain Hills, Arizona, which was provided to A&E Design Services via email based on the verbal agreement.
- 5. On or about September 9, 2021, Respondent emailed the completed topographic survey to Saif Engineering, LLC, which was later used in the production of

engineering documents for the residential project in Fountain Hills, AZ.

- 6. On or about January 22, 2024, Board staff opened a complaint alleging that Respondent prepared a land survey in Fountain Hills, Arizona without registration with the Board.
  - 7. On or about January 25, 2024, Respondent acknowledged the following:
    - a. A&E Design entered into a verbal agreement with Respondent to complete a topographic survey in 2021,
    - b. Respondent performed and completed the topographic survey for a residential project in Fountain Hills, AZ in 2021,
    - c. During this project in 2021, Respondent was not a Registered Land Surveyor.
    - d. Respondent is currently working as a bonafide employee under a Registered Land Surveyor and a registered firm.
- 8. On or about May 20, 2024, Board staff provided the topographic survey to two Enforcement Advisory Committee ("EAC") members for review. Both EAC members confirmed that the document created by Respondent would be considered a land survey with topography.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq, including A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A).
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact, constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A), A.R.S. § 32-121, and A.R.S § 32-145(1) in that Respondent may have practiced a Board-regulated profession without Board registration.

## **ORDER**

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

1. CIVIL PENALTY. Within Six (6) months from the effective date of this

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Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) 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. § 32-106.02(A).

- COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within Six (6) 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 Fifty One Dollars (\$51.00) 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).
- 3. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, related to 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 statutes governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 4. 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.
- 5. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent fails to fulfill any requirement of this Order, the Board may seek any available legal remedy including filing a Petition for Injunction in the appropriate court pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.01.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 4th day of October , 2024.

> Michael Kolgilia Michael Kolejka, R.A., Chairman

Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

Consent Agreement and Order, No. P24-065 accepted this 27 day of

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