



CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

October 20, 2021

Director
Community Development Department
City of Reading, PA

A special meeting of the City of Reading Electricians Examining Board and Standards was convened in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, on Monday, October 20, 2021, as allowed by the City of Reading Ordinance #98-2006/78-2009, at 4:30 PM.

Members Present: Geoffrey Litwin, Chairman, Todd Rathman, Timothy Waldman, Jose Delfi, and City of Reading Electrical Inspector, Jeffrey C. Bower – Liaison.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the suspension or revocation of the Master Electrician License of Roman Celestino number ME9906.

The Electrical Inspector reported that this hearing stems from violations of the IRC and City of Reading Ordinance 98-2006, as amended by Ordinance 78-2009, located at 928 Marion St.

The alleged violations are as follows:

1. Section 702.8.4, Provisions and Conditions, sub-section 3 of City of Reading Ordinance 98-2006 as amended by Ordinance 78-2009
2. 2009 International Residential Code, as adopted by City of Reading Ordinance No. 94-2006, as amended on 12-28-2009 by Ord. No. 78-2009, Sections 4002.14, **related to installation of tamper resistant receptacles**
3. 2009 International Residential Code, as adopted by City of Reading Ordinance No. 94-2006, as amended on 12-28-2009 by Ord. No. 78-2009, Section 3902.11, **related to installation of Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters.**

Mr. Bower presented testimony that during several phone calls Mr. Celestino claimed he had nothing to do with this job and that he gave that permit to the (previous) homeowner. Mr. Celestino was informed by Mr. Bower that as the permit holder he is responsible for the job and the violations. At that time Mr. Celestino claimed that he did not apply for that permit and someone used his name and license number fraudulently. Mr. Bower explained to Mr. Celestino that if that is the case he would need to make a police report and provide a copy to Mr. Bower. Mr. Celestino stated that he would need to look into this. After speaking with the (current) homeowner Mr. Bower provided the (current) homeowner's phone number to Mr. Celestino. The (current) homeowner called Mr. Bower and stated that Mr. Celestino told her she would need to pay him to pull a new permit and for the cost of the repairs. Mr. Bower called Mr. Celestino and informed him he cannot charge the (current) homeowner to make the repairs. No further phone communication took place between Mr. Bower and Mr. Celestino until Mr. Celestino was informed of a hearing to take place on Monday, September 5, 2021. At that time Mr. Celestino called Mr. Bower and left a message that he could not attend the meeting because he has a very hard time walking. Mr. Celestino was informed that the hearing would take place regardless of his presence and if he could not attend he should send a representative in his place. The hearing on Monday, September 5, 2021 was not conducted due to insufficient notice time sent to Mr. Celestino. The hearing was rescheduled to Monday, October 20, 2021 and proper notice was sent to Mr. Celestino via certified

mail with a return receipt received back that Mr. Celestino accepted the certified letter. Mr. Celestino was not present for this hearing. Mr. Bower presented a copy of the permit, number 57383, issued on 1-29-2019, and permit application, dated 12-11-18, approved by Timothy Waldman 12-17-18, with Mr. Celestino's signature along with the returned certified letter card bearing Mr. Celestino's signature and a more recent permit application for comparison. The board agreed that the signatures were a match to the signature on the original permit application. At this time Mr. Bower rested his case.

Geoff Litwin made a motion to revoke the master license, number ME9906, of Mr. Roman Celestino with a second by Timothy Waldman. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision in favor of the motion to revoke the license of Mr. Roman Celestino effective immediately.

Mr. Bower stated that he would draft a letter and have it reviewed by the law department to be sent to Mr. Celestino informing Mr. Celestino of the board's decision.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 6, 2021 at 4:30PM in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Respectfully,
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Electrical Inspector

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Secretary

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