

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES,**

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No. 2008041422

J. SHERMAN FRIER & ASSOCIATES, INC.,

Respondent,

FINAL ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

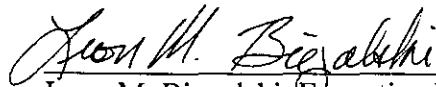
THIS CAUSE came before the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers (“Board”) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, at a meeting held on February 17, 2010, in Tallahassee, Leon County, State of Florida, for determination of whether to accept the proposed Settlement Stipulation (“Stipulation”) entered into by the parties in the above styled cause. Respondent was present at the hearing. Petitioner was represented by Mr. Eric H. Miller, Esquire.

Upon consideration of the Administrative Complaint, the proposed Stipulation, and the presentation of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised of the premises, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

1. The proposed Stipulation is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Stipulation is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein.
2. The parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

3. Failure to comply with the terms of the Stipulation, including timely payment of any fines and/or costs assessed, shall cause the Respondent to be subjected to further discipline.
4. This Final Order shall be placed in and become a part of the Respondent's official records and shall take effect upon being filed with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, whose seal is affixed hereon.

DONE AND ORDERED this 4th day of March, 2010.



Leon M. Biegalski, Executive Director,
Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers
For JEFFERY COONER, Chair

NOTICE OF RIGHT JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review, pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing one copy of a notice of appeal with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and a second copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the District Court of Appeal, First District, or with the District Court of Appeal in the appellate district where the party resides. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of the Order to be reviewed.

Filed with the Clerk, this 30th day of March, 2010.



Agency Clerk

Copies by Certified U.S. Mail, RRR# 7009 2250 0003, 5751 3311
J. Sherman Frier & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 580, Live Oak, FL, 32064

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SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

J. SHERMAN FRIER & ASSOCIATES, INC., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent," and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, hereinafter referred to as "Department," hereby stipulate and agree to the following joint Stipulation and Final Order of the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, hereinafter referred to as "Board," incorporating this Stipulation and agreement in the above-styled matter.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. For all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed surveying and mapping business in the State of Florida, license number LB 7170. Respondent's address of record is P.O. Box 580, Live Oak, FL 32064.

2. Respondent is charged by an Administrative Complaint with a nine (9) violations of chapter 472, *Florida Statutes*,
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and/or the rules enacted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A."

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the matters of fact alleged in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Respondent in its capacity as a licensed surveying and mapping business admits that in such capacity it is subject to the provisions of chapters 455 and 472, *Florida Statutes*, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

5. Respondent admits that the facts set forth in the foregoing stipulated facts, if proven, would constitute a violation of chapter 472, *Florida Statutes*, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

6. Respondent agrees that the Board's acceptance of the Stipulation constitutes disciplinary action within the meaning of sections 472.033(1) and 455.227(1)(f), *Florida Statutes*.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

7. Respondent shall not, in the future, violate chapters 455 and 472, *Florida Statutes*, or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

8. FINE & COSTS: Pursuant to Rule 61G17-9.0025(3) and (18), Florida Administrative Code; the Board shall impose an administrative fine in the amount of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00). Respondent also shall pay administrative costs, excluding attorney's fees, of four hundred fifty five dollars and thirteen cents (\$455.13), for a total of four thousand nine hundred fifty five dollars and thirteen cents (\$4,955.13). Said fine shall be paid by the Respondent to the Executive Director of the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0750, in thirty six (36) equal monthly installments beginning on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the entry of the Final Order by the Board of Professional Land Surveyors and Mappers, which Final Order incorporates this Stipulation. Respondent's failure to pay the fine by the time it is due may result in further disciplinary action by the Board.

9. It is expressly understood that a violation of the terms of this Stipulation shall be considered a violation of chapter 472, *Florida Statutes*, for which disciplinary actions may be taken.

10. It is expressly understood that this Stipulation is subject to the approval of the Board and has no force and effect until the Board enters a Final Order adopting same.

11. This Stipulation is executed by Respondent for the

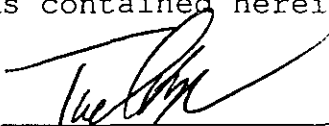
purpose of avoiding further administrative action in this matter. In the event that the Stipulation is not approved by the Board, then neither party may use this Stipulation against the other, and the Stipulation shall be deemed null and void.

12. Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Stipulation, and the subsequent Final Order incorporating same, will not in any way preclude additional proceedings by the Board and/or Department against the Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically detailed in the investigative findings of probable cause.

13. Respondent and the Department expressly waive all further procedural steps, and Respondent expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of, this Stipulation and the Final Order of the Board, if said Stipulation is accepted by the Board and incorporated in the Final Order.

14. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

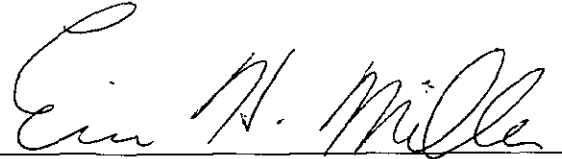
WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers to enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms contained herein.



J. SHERMAN FRIER &

ASSOCIATES, INC.
Respondent

Approved this 8th day of March, 2010.



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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department Of Business and Professional Regulation, files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, against Respondent, J. Sherman Frier & Associates, Inc., and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of land surveying and mapping, pursuant to Section 20.165, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 455 and 472, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this complaint, Respondent was licensed professional surveying and mapping business in the State of Florida, having been issued license number LB 7170.

3. Respondent's address of record is P.O. Box 580, Live Oak, FL 32064.

4. A complaint was filed by Charles Lee Smith alleging that surveys done by Respondent on March 23, 2007 and March 26, 2007 contained several errors.

5. A review of Respondent's surveys using the Minimum Technical Standards (MTS) pursuant to Chapter 61G17-6, Florida Administrative Code, revealed the following:

- a. 61G17-6.003(p)2.b- The horizontal feature accuracy was not achieved for the survey.
- b. 61G17-6.004(2)(a)2- The determination of the position of the boundary is not in accord with the deeds of record.
- c. 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.b- The record and field measured directions and distances vary. There is no comparison shown.
- d. 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.c- The record and field measured directions and distances to the nearest street intersection vary. There is no comparison shown.
- e. 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.d- The dimensioned remaining portion of the lots is not shown.
- f. 61G17-6.004(2)(b)2- Survey corners were not set at the northwest and southwest corners of the property. Other corners were found and shown two feet away from the actual corners.

g. 61G17-6.004(2)(c)2.c- Several original corners made by Respondent were not reported.

h. 61G17-6.004(2)(c)2.d- There is doubt as to the location on the ground of the property boundaries because of the failure to report the original corners.

6. Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, states in pertinent part:

Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed surveyor and mapper constitutes grounds for which the disciplinary action in subsection (2) may be taken.

7. Section 472.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, states in pertinent part:

Proof that the licensee is guilty of fraud or deceit, or of negligence, incompetency, or misconduct, in the practice of surveying and mapping constitutes grounds for which the disciplinary action in subsection (2) may be taken.

COUNT I

8. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.003(p)2.b, Florida Administrative Code, by failing to achieve the horizontal feature accuracy.

COUNT II

9. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(a)2, Florida Administrative Code, by failing to determine the position of the boundary in accord with the deeds of record.

COUNT III

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.b, Florida Administrative Code, by having variation in the record and field measured directions and distances without showing a comparison.

COUNT IV

11. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.c, Florida Administrative Code, by having variation in the record and field measured directions and distances to the nearest street without showing a comparison.

COUNT V

12. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(a)8.d, Florida Administrative Code, by failing to show the dimensioned remaining portion of the lots.

COUNT VI

13. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(b)2, Florida Administrative Code, by failing to set the corners at the northwest and southwest corners of the property.

COUNT VII

14. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(c)2.c, Florida Administrative Code, by failing to report the original corners.

COUNT VIII

15. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(h), Florida Statutes, through a violation of 61G17-6.004(2)(c)2.d, Florida Administrative Code, by creating doubt as to the location on the ground of the property boundaries by failing to report the original corners.

COUNT IX

16. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 472.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, by negligently preparing the March 23, 2007 and March 26, 2007 surveys.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests an order from the Board imposing one or more of the following penalties: imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed one thousand

dollars (\$1,000.00) for each count or separate offense, issuance of a reprimand, assessment of costs associated with investigation and prosecution, imposition of any or all penalties delineated within Section 455.227(2), Florida Statutes, and/or any other relief that the Board or the Department is authorized to impose pursuant to Chapters 455 and/or 472, Florida Statutes, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

Signed this 30th day of Aug, 2009.

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Professional Regulation

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested. Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code, provides in part that if Respondent fails to request a hearing within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of an agency pleading, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 455.227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the Board, or the Department when there is no Board, may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case excluding costs associated with an attorney's time, against the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.