

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MISSOURI BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER EXAMINERS AND THE WEEKLY BARBER, LLC AND DARIAN WEEKS, OWNER**

Come now Darian Weeks, operator and owner/holder of the licensed establishment *The Weekly Barber, LLC* ("Licensee") and the Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners ("Board") and enter into this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving the question of whether Licensee's barber operator and barber establishment licenses will be subject to discipline.

Pursuant to the terms of § 536.060, RSMo,<sup>1</sup> the parties hereto waive the right to a hearing by the Administrative Hearing Commission of the State of Missouri ("AHC") regarding cause to discipline the Licensee's licenses, and, additionally, the right to a disciplinary hearing before the Board under § 621.110, RSMo.

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Licensee acknowledges that Licensee understands the various rights and privileges of Cosmetology Licensee by law, including the right to a hearing of the charges against Licensee; the right to appear and be represented by legal counsel; the right to have all charges against Licensee proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing against Licensee; the right to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf at the hearing; the right to a decision upon the record by a fair and impartial administrative hearing commissioner concerning the charges pending against Licensees and, subsequently, the right to a disciplinary hearing before the Board at which time Licensee may present evidence in mitigation of discipline; and the right to recover attorney's fees incurred in defending this action against Licensee's licenses. Being aware of these rights provided Licensee by operation of law, Licensee knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enters into this Settlement Agreement and agrees to abide by the terms of this document, as they pertain to Licensee.

Licensee acknowledges that Licensee has received a copy of the inspection reports and other documents relied upon by the Board in determining there was cause to discipline Licensee's licenses, along with citations to law and/or regulations the Board believes were violated.

For the purpose of settling this dispute, Licensee stipulates that the factual allegations contained in this Settlement Agreement are true and stipulate with the Board that Licensee's barber establishment license,

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to Missouri Revised Statutes, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

numbered 2019000987, and barber operator license, numbered 2018028950, are subject to disciplinary action by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 621, 328 and 329, RSMo.

Joint Stipulation of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. The Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners ("Board") is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo.

2. Licensee holds a barber operator license, license number 2018028950. The Board originally issued Licensee's barber operator license on August 3, 2018. Licensee's barber operator license was last renewed on August 24, 2023, and has an expiration date of September 30, 2025.

3. Licensee operates a barber establishment, *The Weekly Barber, LLC*, located at 108 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301. Licensee's establishment license number 2019000987 was initially issued on January 9, 2019. Licensee's establishment license was last renewed on August 24, 2023, and has an expiration date of September 30, 2025.

4. On or about December 19, 2023, the Board's inspector conducted an inspection at *The Weekly Barber, LLC*, the Board's inspection revealed the following violation: Stephen Weeks was not properly terminated, a violation of 20 CSR 2085-9.020(5). On or about January 18, 2024, the Board sent Licensee a violation notice regarding the December 19, 2023, inspection.

5. On or about February 6, 2024, the Board's inspector conducted an inspection at *The Weekly Barber, LLC*, the Board's inspection revealed the following violation: Stephen Weeks was not properly terminated, a violation of 20 CSR 2085-9.020(5). On or about February 26, 2024, the Board sent Licensee a violation notice regarding the February 6, 2024, inspection.

6. On or about March 22, 2024, the Board's inspector conducted an inspection at *The Weekly Barber, LLC*, the Board's inspection revealed the following violations: Stephen Weeks was not properly terminated, a violation of 20 CSR 2085-9.020(5) and the establishment license was not posted at the time of the inspection, a violation of 20 CSR 2085-10.010(3). On or about April 2, 2024, the Board sent Licensee a violation notice regarding the March 22, 2024, inspection.

7. Regulation 20 CSR 2085-9.020 states, in relevant part:

(5) Mandatory Reporting. The apprentice supervisor shall maintain a weekly log, on a form supplied by the board, documenting the total number of training hours the apprentice obtained on a daily basis. The training hours shall be allocated by subject in the core areas listed on the form. The weekly log shall be kept on premises at all times and made available to the board or its representative upon request. The apprentice supervisor shall submit monthly reports to the board office by the tenth day of the following month for the apprentice in training on forms supplied by the board. Upon termination of training by the apprentice, the supervisor shall submit to the board within two (2) weeks a properly completed termination form supplied by the board. The form shall list the total number of training hours completed by the apprentice, allocated by subject area, the date the apprentice terminated training, and shall be accompanied by the apprentice's license and any unused materials supplied by the board.

8. Regulation 20 CSR 2085-10.010 states, in relevant part:

(3) Display of License. Establishment licenses shall be posted within the establishment in plain view at all times so that it may be easily seen by the public. Establishment licenses issued to a station or booth rental establishment shall be posted in plain view at the respective workstation.

9. As a result of the violations, as described above in paragraphs 4 through 6, Licensees violated chapter 328, RSMo, and lawful regulations adopted pursuant to chapters 328 and 329, RSMo, as described above in paragraphs 7 through 8, for which the Board has cause to take disciplinary action against Licensees' barber establishment license and barber operator license.

10. Cause exists for the Board to take disciplinary action against Licensees' barber operator license and barber establishment license under § 328.150.2(6), (10) and (12), RSMo, which states in pertinent part:

The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of this chapter, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or offer to practice any profession licensed or regulated by this chapter who is not registered and currently eligible to practice under this chapter;

(12) Failure to display a valid certificate or license if so required by this chapter or any rule promulgated hereunder[.]

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Joint Agreed Disciplinary Order

Based upon the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the disciplinary order entered by the Board in this matter under the authority of § 621.045, RSMo:

11. The terms of discipline shall include that Licensee's barber establishment license, numbered 2019000987, and barber operator license, numbered 2018028950, be placed on **PROBATION** for a period of three (3) years. During Licensee's probation, Licensee shall be entitled to offer and engage in the practice of barbering under Chapter 328, RSMo, provided Licensee adhere to all of the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

I. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Licensee shall correct all violations noted in paragraphs 4 through 6 above within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this settlement agreement.

II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Licensee shall meet with the Board or its representatives at such times and places as required by the Board after notification of a required meeting.
- B. Licensee shall keep the Board apprised of Licensee's current home and work addresses and telephone numbers. Licensee shall inform the Board within ten days of any change of home or work address and home or work telephone number.
- C. Licensee shall comply with all provisions of the Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo; all applicable federal and state drug laws, rules, and regulations; and all federal and state criminal laws. "State" here includes the state of Missouri and all other states and territories of the United States.
- D. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall timely renew his operator and establishment licenses and timely pay all fees required for licensing and comply with all other board requirements necessary to maintain his licenses in a current and active state.
- E. If at any time during the disciplinary period, Licensee removes himself from the state of Missouri, ceases to be currently licensed under provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo, or fails to advise the Board of his current place of business and residence, the time of his absence, unlicensed status, or unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken as any part of the time of discipline so imposed in accordance with § 328.150, RSMo.
- F. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.
- G. If Licensee fails to comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, in any respect, the Board may impose such additional or other discipline that it deems appropriate, (including imposition of the revocation).
- H. This Settlement Agreement does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any other violation of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo, by Licensee not specifically mentioned in this document.

12. The parties to this Agreement understand that the Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners will maintain this Agreement as an open record of the Board as provided in Chapters 328, 329, 610 and 324, RSMo.

13. The terms of this Settlement Agreement are contractual, legally enforceable, and binding, not merely recital. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither this Settlement Agreement nor any of its provisions may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.

14. Licensee, together with Licensee's heirs and assigns, and Licensee's attorneys, do hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the Board, its respective members and any of its employees, agents, or attorneys, including any former Board members, employees, agents, and attorneys, of, or from, any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs and expenses, and compensation, including but not limited to, any claims for attorney's fees and expenses, including any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo, or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this case, its settlement, or from the negotiation or execution of this Settlement Agreement. The parties acknowledge that this paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of this Settlement Agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court of law deems this Settlement Agreement or any portion thereof to be void or unenforceable.

15. If no contested case has been filed against Licensee, Licensee has the right, either at the time the Settlement Agreement is signed by all parties or within fifteen days thereafter, to submit the Agreement to the Administrative Hearing Commission for determination that the facts agreed to by the parties to the Settlement Agreement constitute grounds for denying or disciplining the licenses of the Licensee. If Licensee desires the Administrative Hearing Commission to review this Agreement, Licensee may submit this request to: **Administrative Hearing Commission, United States Post Office Building 131 W. High Street, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1557.**

16. If Licensee has requested review, Licensee and Board jointly request that the Administrative Hearing Commission determine whether the facts set forth herein are grounds for disciplining Licensee's licenses and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law stating that the facts agreed to by the parties are

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grounds for disciplining Licensee's licenses. Effective the date the Administrative Hearing Commission determines that the Agreement sets forth cause for disciplining Licensee's licenses, the agreed upon discipline set forth herein shall go into effect.

LICENSEES

Darian Weeks  
The Weekly Barber, LLC  
Darian Weeks, Owner/Operator

Date 08/21/24

BOARD

Karla Johansen  
Karla Johansen,  
Executive Director  
Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

Date September 23, 2024