

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the State Board of Examiners of Architects (hereinafter "BOARD") and JOSEPH E. SOSNOWSKI, Certificate No. 6692, hereinafter ("LICENSEE") effective on the 12 day of December, 1997.

WHEREAS, a disagreement has arisen between LICENSEE and the BOARD regarding alleged violation(s) by LICENSEE of O.R.C. 4703.06, O.R.C. 4703.15, and O.R.C. 4703.18, arising out of LICENSEE's failure to timely renew his certificate of qualification to practice architecture in the state of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the BOARD has initiated an investigation of the alleged violation(s) by LICENSEE and

WHEREAS, the BOARD and LICENSEE desire to resolve the above mentioned disagreement without further formal legal proceedings; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the various promises and mutual covenants contained herein, the BOARD and LICENSEE agree as follows:

1. With respect to the charges, LICENSEE will accept a letter of reprimand, attached as Exhibit A hereto; and
2. Upon payment of late fees and registration fees for the period of lapse and the conclusion of this agreement, LICENSEE's certificate of qualification to practice architecture will be considered reinstated retrospectively to the time the certificate first lapsed. In addition, the period for renewal of LICENSEE'S certificate of qualification will be extended to the date this agreement is signed and approved by the Board.

3. It is hereby understood that this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless it has been signed and executed by the parties below. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the terms herein, or the Settlement Agreement is rejected by the BOARD, this document shall become null and void without any force or effect. Signature by the Executive Secretary of the Board on this document does not indicate approval or execution of this agreement by the BOARD. The BOARD's approval shall be designated by a majority vote of the BOARD at a board meeting at which this agreement is considered; and

4. LICENSEE initiated settlement negotiations in order to attempt to resolve the disciplinary action filed against him. In this regard, he has authorized the BOARD to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning this case prior to and in conjunction with consideration of any proposed settlement agreement or counter-proposal by the BOARD. It is agreed that presentation to and consideration of any proposed settlement and file materials to the BOARD, or the offer of any counter-proposal by the BOARD, will not and has not unfairly or improperly prejudiced LICENSEE in this matter, and will not prevent the BOARD or any of its members from participation, consideration, adjudication or resolution of these proceedings.

5. The BOARD and LICENSEE agree that this is a final resolution of all charges, actions claims or defenses of any kind whatsoever between the two parties, whether administrative, civil or criminal, related to the allegations brought by the BOARD against LICENSEE pertaining to LICENSEE's work to date; and

6. This document shall be considered a public record in accordance with R.C. 149.43.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

OF ARCHITECTS

BY: 

JOSEPH E. SOSNOWSKI

DATE: 12/2/97

BY: 

WILLIAM N. WILCOX
Executive Secretary

DATE: 12/10/97