BEFORE THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

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V. * COMPLAINT NO. 12-LS-23

ANDY McFARLAND
Precision Property
Measurements, Inc.
3626 E. Pacific Coast Highway
2nd Floor
Long Beach, CA, 90804

Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors ("Board") based on a complaint filed by the Board against Andy McFarland, President of Precision Property Measurements, Inc. ("Respondent").

Pursuant to the Maryland Land Surveyors Act (codified at §§ 15-101 to 15-702 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article with the Annotated Code of Maryland), unless a person holds a permit issued by the Board for Professional Land Surveyors, that person may not represent to the public: (1) by the use of the term "land surveying" (2) by description of services, methods, or procedures; or (3) otherwise, that the person holds a permit or otherwise is authorized to operate a business through which land surveying is practiced in Maryland. Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 15-604. The Board's records reflect that Precision Property Measurements Inc. does not hold a permit to practice land surveying in Maryland.

Despite not holding a permit to practice land surveying in Maryland, Respondent's website, https://ppmco.net/, suggests that Respondent does, indeed, practice land surveying in Maryland. More specifically, the website states that Respondent's Mid-Atlantic office serves Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., refers to Respondent's employees as "As-Built Surveying Professionals" and "surveyors," and advertises "As Built Surveys" as one of its deliverables. These descriptions of services and personnel appear to be deceptive to the Maryland public.

Based on that complaint and upon its own investigation, the Board determined that administrative charges against the Respondent are appropriate and a hearing on those charges should be held. To avoid administrative action by the Board against Respondent, the Board and Respondent have agreed to enter into this Consent Order to provide for remedial measures that are fair and equitable in these circumstances, and which are consistent with the best interest of the people of the State of Maryland.

THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE:

- 1. The Respondent is President of Precision Property Measurements, Inc.
- 2. The Respondent's website, https://ppmco.net/, suggests that Respondent does, indeed, practice land surveying in Maryland.
- 3. The Respondent's website states that Respondent's Mid-Atlantic office serves Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., refers to Respondent's employees as "As-Built Surveying Professionals" and "surveyors," and advertises "As Built Surveys" as one of its deliverables.
- 4. The Respondent admits that the website is not in compliance with the Maryland Land Surveyors Act (codified at §§ 15-101 to 15-702 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article with the Annotated Code of Maryland), which states that unless a person holds a permit issued by the Board for Professional Land Surveyors, that person may not represent to the public: (1) by the use of the term "land surveying" (2) by description of services, methods, or procedures; or (3) otherwise, that the person holds a permit or otherwise is authorized to operate a business through which land surveying is practiced in Maryland. Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 15-604
- 4. The Respondent agrees to remove misleading information from Respondent's website as well as any marketing, advertising, correspondence (including email signatures), and other business materials that implicitly or explicitly suggest that Respondent is authorized to practice land surveying in the State of Maryland.
- 5. The Respondent agrees that Respondent's proposals, contracts, and other business documents should avoid any violative language and include appropriate disclaimers to avoid non-compliance with the laws governing land surveying in the State of Maryland.
- 6. The Respondent, by entering into the Consent Order, expressly waives the right to have the charges reduced to writing, to an administrative hearing on the charges, the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, any and all further proceedings before the Commission to which the Respondent may be entitled in this matter, and any rights to appeal from this Order.

7. The Respondent enters this Consent Order knowingly, voluntarily and willingly.

BASED ON THE AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN, IT IS, THIS <u>24</u> DAY OF <u>November</u>, **2025**, BY THE MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS:

ORDERED that the Respondent, shall stop making explicit and implicit representations to the public that it is authorized to operate a business through which land surveying may be practiced in Maryland; and

ORDERED that the Respondent shall stop making explicit and implicit representations to the to the public that it is licensed to practice in the field of land surveying in Maryland.

MARYLAND BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS Signature on File November 24, 2025 Date Signature on File