STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER, BLDG. 68-1 1511 PONTIAC AVENUE CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02920

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IN THE MATTER OF

JOSEPH SLINEY, D/B/A COMPETITIVE COLLISION

DBR No. 17AB001

RESPONDENT.

CONSENT ORDER

The Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation ("Department") enters into this Consent Order ("Order") with Respondent Joseph Sliney/d.b.a. Competitive Collision ("Respondent") to resolve the above-captioned matter pursuant to its authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-9(d).

It is hereby agreed by and between the Division and the Respondent that:

- The Respondent Joseph Sliney is the sole owner of the business operating as Competitive Collision.
- Competitive Collision is located and currently operating as an auto body repair shop at 1707 Plainfield Pike, Johnston, RI 02919.
- The Department previously issued an auto body repair License ("License") No. AB-2010-B to Respondent.
- 4. Respondent's License expired on November 11, 2016, as a result of his failure to timely submit a complete renewal application for the 2016 to 2018 licensing cycle.
- 5. The Division sent the Respondent a Notice to Renew on September 8, 2016, and sent another on November 21, 2016. The Division sent the Respondent a letter with a check-list

- of outstanding documentation on January 12, 2017. The Respondent did not reply to any of these communications.
- 6. On June 1, 2017, the Department issued an Order to Show Cause Why Order Should Not Issue to Cease and Desist Unlicensed Activities, Notice of Intent To Impose Administrative Penalties, Notice of Hearing and Appointment of Hearing Officer.
- 7. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for July 21, 2017, at which the Respondent did not appear, and a temporary Cease and Desist order was granted by the Hearing Officer, pending the Respondent's appearance at a pre-hearing conference scheduled for August 4, 2017.
- 8. The Respondent appeared at a pre-hearing conference on August 4, 2017, by which date the Respondent had substantially complied with all of his renewal licensing requirements.
- 9. R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-4(b) provides: "No person, firm, or corporation shall engage within this state in the business of auto body repairing or painting or enter into contracts for the repairing, replacing, or painting of auto bodies or parts of auto bodies or advertise or represent in any form or manner that he, she, or it is an auto body shop unless that person, firm, or corporation possesses a license in full force and effect from the department of business regulation specifying that person, firm, or corporation as licensed to operate or conduct an auto body shop."
- 10. The Department's position is that, by failing to renew his License initially, Respondent operated an unlicensed auto body shop in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-4(b). However, in order to resolve this matter amicably and avoid the time and costs of an administrative hearing, the Department and Respondent hereby agree to the following:
 - a. No later than the end of business on August 11, 2017, Respondent shall:

- Pay an administrative penalty of \$500.00 payable to the "General Treasurer,
 State of Rhode Island."
- b. In consideration for the satisfaction of 8(a)(i) above, and given that Respondent has now submitted all the requirements for renewal of his License, the Department will renew Respondent's License No. AB-2010-B today, August 4, 2017.
- 11. Respondent acknowledges that, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-1 et seq., he is required to timely renew his License every three years by submitting a complete renewal application.
- 12. By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Consent Order,
 Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to an administrative hearing and
 waives any right to pursue an appeal to the Superior Court under the Rhode Island
 Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 et seq.
- 13. If Respondent fails to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Order within any applicable time period set forth herein or as extended by agreement of the parties, Respondent will be in violation hereunder and the Department shall be entitled to immediately to take enforcement or other action in accordance with applicable law.
- 14. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Order does not relieve Respondent of any obligation to comply with other applicable laws or regulations administered by or through the Department or any other governmental agency.
- 15. This Consent Order shall be deemed entered into as of the date of execution by all parties. This Consent Order shall be binding upon Respondent's successors.
- 16. The temporary cease and desist order granted by the Hearing Officer on July 21, 2017 is hereby terminated upon the signing of this Consent Order.

For the Division

Date: 8-4

Donna L. Costantino, MBA

Associate Director Securities, Commercial Licensing, Gaming & Athletics

Date:

Catherine Warren, Esq. Hearing Officer

For the Respondent:

Date: 8-4-17

Joseph Sliney,

d/b/a Competitive Collision

Respondent

For the Department:

Scottye Lindsey
Director, Department of Business Regulation

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of August 2017 a copy of this Consent Order was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

Joseph Sliney 1707 Plainfield Pike Johnston, RI 02919

AND BY E-MAIL TO:

- 1. Catherine Warren, Esq., Hearing Officer
- 2. Donna Costantino, MBA, DBR Deputy Director, Division of Commercial Licensing and Regulations
- 3. John Mancone, DBR Chief Public Protection Inspector
- 4. Kim Precious, DBR Implementation Aide
- 5. Sara Tindall-Woodman, Esq., Legal Counsel
- 6. Joseph Sliney, Respondent, at: slineyi@yahoo.com

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