

Kohlhase, Kent E.

From: Kohlhase, Kent E.
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 5:22 PM
To: 'Dennis R. Linnell'
Cc: Gisler, Johann (Hans)
Subject: John Buzdor - Suspension Appeal

Hello Dennis,

I promised a response by the end of the week. I had intended to send a letter, but my week has been very hectic. I will follow up next week with a formal letter.

I agree with some of the points you raised in your letter, specifically that there has not been a progressive application of disciplinary action that would warrant a permanent revocation. Anchorage Municipal Code provides that the Building Official may suspend preapproval status, and that the preapproval may be reinstated after 365 days. I believe code provides the latitude for a less severe disciplinary action.

I will be suspending Mr. Buzdor's approval as special inspector for 6 months. The suspension is effective the date of Hans Gisler's letter, dated February 23. The suspension will expire August 23, 2017.

We will require Mr. Buzdor to take additional training. I'll provide more detail on what we will require in my letter next week.

This is a tough situation for all involved. I appreciate you being willing to sit down and discuss the issue.

Thanks,

Kent

Kent Kohlhase, P.E.
Project Management & Engineering
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From: Dennis R. Linnell [mailto:dlinnell@hdlalaska.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Kohlhase, Kent E. <KohlhaseKE@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Subject: Suspension Appeal

Kent,

Attached is the appeal letter that I am planning to send out. The mail has already gone out today, so it won't leave our office until Monday. If you have any input to the letter of things that I might want to change or add, your comments would be appreciated.

Dennis Linnell, PE
Principal Civil Engineer

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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April 13, 2017

Dennis Linnell, P.E.
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Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Special Inspector License #060
John Buzdor

Dear Mr. Linnell:

I have reviewed your letter dated March 17, 2017 appealing the suspension of John Buzdor's Special Inspector License. Chief of Inspections Hans Gisler suspended Mr. Buzdor's license in a letter dated February 23, 2017 (attached).

Mr. Gisler suspended Mr. Buzdor's license based on several factors:

- Mr. Buzdor conducted a special inspection on an Exterior Insulation Finishing System (EIFS) installation (building permit C16-1560). Mr. Buzdor is not certified as a special inspector in the EIFS category.
- On C16-1560, Mr. Buzdor approved an EIFS system different than the system specified on the approved drawings.
- Mr. Buzdor was twice informed by letter (October 12, 2005 and November 20, 2006, attached) that he had issued special inspection approvals of work that was not installed in compliance with the approved plans. The 2006 letter stated *"... another failure on your part to perform competent special inspections will require the Building Official to suspend your approval as a special inspector..."*
- Mr. Buzdor was counseled by Building Official Ron Thompson at a June 3, 2008 meeting (notes attached) that two warning letters (noted above) and a previous meeting indicated that the quality of Mr. Buzdor's inspection work was not adequate. Mr. Thompson noted that future incidents could be a basis for cancelling his approval as a special inspector.
- At our March 8, 2017 meeting with you and Mr. Buzdor, Mr. Gisler provided a list (attached) of several instances where Mr. Buzdor's actions were not in conformance with the requirements of the special inspection program.
- Mr. Buzdor's MOA license as a special inspector had expired on June 21, 2014. It was not renewed until May 26, 2016 when Mr. Gisler brought the lapsed license to his attention. Mr. Buzdor indicated the lapse was due to poor record-keeping and stated he believes the municipality should have the responsibility to inform licensees of pending expirations.

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Mr. Gisler's letter suspending Mr. Buzdor's approval as a special inspector did not state a time limit for the suspension. At our March 8 meeting, Mr. Gisler stated his intent was the approval would be suspended indefinitely.

At the meeting, Mr. Buzdor offered several reasons why he believed he had been in compliance with the requirements of the special inspection program, and why his license should not be suspended.

Mr. Buzdor stated he was not aware that EIFS is a separate category, requiring separate certification. The license renewal form clearly lists EIFS as a separate category, and Mr. Buzdor completed that form, selecting several other categories in which he was certified.

Mr. Buzdor also made statements at the meeting that call into question his understanding regarding application of special inspection procedures. Specifically, he acknowledged he had not inspected each phase of the EIFS installation, but instead only inspected the installed system. He also stated that although he had performed the inspections prior to arrival of the municipal inspector, he was so busy he could not complete the inspection reports timely. The special inspection program requires special inspections be performed and approved by a written report prior to municipal inspection. Special inspectors are required to complete inspection reports and leave them at the project. Any observed discrepancies must be noted. All corrections must also be noted. Mr. Buzdor did not follow this process on many occasions.

Although we have documentation of numerous instances where Mr. Buzdor has not complied with the requirements of the special inspection program, we have never taken action to suspend his license. Because of this, I do not believe a permanent or indefinite suspension is appropriate.

Considering all of the available information, it is my decision that a temporary suspension of Mr. Buzdor's Special Inspector approval is an appropriate response to his actions. I am therefore suspending his approval as a special inspector for 6 months. The suspension is effective February 23, 2017, the date of Mr. Gisler's letter. The suspension will expire August 23, 2017.

The authority for this suspension is found at Anchorage Municipal Code 23.15.1703.7.3.2 – Removal of Pre-Approval Status.

Prior to reinstatement of Mr. Buzdor's approval as a special inspector, he must complete the following actions:

- Complete the ICC training "Becoming a Special Inspector".
- Complete the ICC training "Special Inspection – The Big Picture".
- Provide documentation of all current certifications.
- Provide a signed statement confirming that he will follow the special inspection procedures, to include providing a completed standardized special inspection report form to contractors at the project prior to MOA inspection.

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My decision may be appealed to the Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals.

Future infractions will result in a longer suspension. A serious infraction could result in permanent revocation of his approval as a special inspector.

In your letter, you outline steps HDL will be taking with respect to your overall special inspection program. I appreciate that commitment, and we believe it will be beneficial to your program.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or my decision.

Sincerely,



Kent Kohlhase, P.E.
Acting Building Official

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cc: John Buzdor, P.E.
Hans Gisler, Chief of Inspections

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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February 23, 2017

John A. Buzdor P.E.
HDL Engineering
Statewide Services
3335 Arctic Boulevard #100
Anchorage AK 99503

RE: Suspension of MOA Special Inspector License #060

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You may also contact me and arrange for an appointment to discuss this if you wish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hans Gisler', written over a horizontal line.

Hans Gisler
Chief of Building Inspections
Municipality of Anchorage
4700 Elmore Rd
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4.2. A Special Inspector shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties or their authorized agents, including MOA Building Safety.

4.3. A Special Inspector shall not solicit or accept gratuities, directly or indirectly, from any party, or parties, dealing with the client or employer in connection with the Special Inspector's work.

4.4. A Special Inspector shall only accept work from, and be paid by, an Owner, or Architect or Engineer of Record acting as the Owner's representative. Work for owners doing design-build projects must have pre-authorization from MOA Building Safety. Special Inspection work may not be performed for, or be paid by, contractors.

5. Approval by MOA Building Safety

5.1. A Special Inspector shall not pay, solicit, nor offer, directly or indirectly, any bribe or commission for approval by MOA Building Safety.

5.2. A Special Inspector shall not falsify, exaggerate, or misrepresent personal academic or professional qualifications, past assignments, accomplishments or responsibilities.

5.3. A Special Inspector shall not perform special inspections in the Municipality of Anchorage without first obtaining credentials from MOA Building Safety. Such credentials shall authorize a Special Inspector to perform special inspections in approved categories.

6. Unauthorized Practice. A violation of any part of this Code of Ethics shall constitute an unauthorized practice subject to imposition of sanctions by MOA Building Safety.

Customer # 358039 **Expire** // **Is Licensed**
Name* Buzdar **Is Agency Contractor**
First Name John **MI**
Title
Birth Date // **Professional ID**
Language English **Driver License #** 060 **Professional Rate** 0 0
Driver License State

Contact Information **Also Known As** **Relationships** **Insurance** **Notifications**
Licenses

Licenses for this Contact (10 records)

License #	Type	Expired Date	Inactive	Inactive Date	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI MOA	5/24/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI WOOD	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI SOILS	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI PIERS	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI RACK	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Project Name: BMW SHOWROOM ADDITION (C16-1560) MCN _____
 Project No: 16-431 MW _____
 Client: OWNER JAB _____
 Location: ANC/AK 12/28/16
 Area Inspected: EFS, ALL, HIGH AND LOW, NORTH, EAST, WEST 12:30 PM
 ELEVS 3 HRS
 Reference Drawings: PER APPROVED DWGS

WORK DETAIL	COMMENTS
CONSTRUCTION	FOAM BOARD INSTALLATION COMPLETE. GAPS REMAIN - SPRAY FOAMING IN PROCESS
	AT TIME OF INSPECTION. DRYVIT SYSTEM ACCEPTABLE AS ALTERNATIVE TO
	SPECIFIED SYSTEM PER GC VIA AOR.

Review Date: 12/28/16
 Reviewed by: JOHN A. BUZDOR, PE




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Mark Begich, Mayor



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October 12, 2005

John Buzdor
Buzdor Engineering
Statewide Services
3705 Arctic Boulevard # 1593
Anchorage AK 99503

RE: Special Inspection, Plaza 101, Permit #05-5753

Dear Mr. Buzdor,

Please find enclosed a copy of a special inspection report provided by you and dated September 30, 2005 that states the footing reinforcement complies with the plans for the Plaza 101 project.

Subsequent inspection by Municipality of Anchorage structural inspector Howard Romig revealed that the installation did not match the plans provided to him. The discrepancies noted were:

- 1) Plan details show two mats of rebar in exterior footings. In actuality the top mat was missing from all the footings.
- 2) Retaining wall footings and vertical rebar for the walls were not placed per the drawings.

As a result of Howard's inspection, the work was not approved and progress was stopped until corrections and a reinspection could be performed. Building Safety is concerned about the missing reinforcement and non-compliant spacing and by the fact that you approved the installation.

Please be advised that the installations approved by special inspectors must be in accordance with the engineered drawings and that any special inspector failing to perform his duty in a professional and responsible manner will be subject to suspension of his approval as a special inspector by the Municipality of Anchorage. This letter is to notify you that future special inspection approvals on your part that do not reflect the actual installation will be cause to consider suspension of your status as an approved special inspector.

If you have an explanation of how and why this installation was approved by you and then did not match the plans when inspected by us please forward it to me. You may also contact me and arrange for an appointment to discuss this if you feel there are facts we are not aware of.

Sincerely,

Rick Thornton
Acting Chief of Building Inspections
(907) 343-8330

RT/vg

cc: Ron Thompson, Building Official
Ron Wilde, Plan Review Engineer
Jim Stubbs, Lead Structural Inspector

November 20, 2006

John Buzdor
Buzdor Engineering
Statewide Services
3705 Arctic Boulevard #1593
Anchorage AK 99503

Please find enclosed a copy of a special inspection report provided by you for permit number 06-5868 and dated November 11, 2006. The report states that the reinforcement for a thickened slab wall foundation complies with the approved plans for the project.

Subsequent inspection by Municipality of Anchorage structural inspector Paul Bergeron revealed that the installation did not match the approved plans provided on the jobsite. The discrepancy noted was:

- 1) The plans show a thickened slab connecting to the foundation wall. Instead, a foundation consisting of five courses of block with slab dowels was provided.

As a result of Paul's inspection, the work was not approved and progress was stopped until a change order was submitted, approved by plan review and a reinspection performed.

The necessity for the special inspector to perform knowledgeable and accurate inspections was stressed to you in a previous letter dated October 10, 2005 concerning permit number 05-5753. In that letter you were cautioned " that future special inspection approvals on your part that do not reflect the actual installation will be cause to consider suspension of your status as a special inspector."

This letter is your second documented warning that your inspection did not meet the requirements of IBC 2003 Section 1704. In this case, specifically, section 1704.1.2 which requires that reports shall indicate that work inspected was done in conformance to approved construction documents.

Please be advised that another failure on your part to perform competent special inspections will require the Building Official to suspend your approval as a special inspector as provided by Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2003 Edition, Section 23.15.1704.2.3.2.

If you have an explanation of how and why this installation was approved by you but did not match the approved plans when inspected by us please forward it to me. You may also contact me and arrange for an appointment to discuss this if you wish.

Sincerely,

Rick Thornton
Acting Chief of Inspections

RT/vg

Thornton, Richard W.

From: Thornton, Richard W.
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 9:29 AM
To: Thornton, Richard W.
Subject: John Buzdor

When: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (GMT-09:00) Alaska.
Where: Building Safety Conference Room

John Buzdor, 746-1593
5/28 vg

Meeting notes:
Meeting was held on time; Ron Thompson, Jim Stubbs, Rick Thornton and John Buzdor present.

Ron explained that inspections must be performed diligently, as required by adopted codes. 2 warning letters and 1 previous meeting here at building safety was sufficient notice that quality of inspection was not acceptable and that another incident resulting in a project work stoppage would be forwarded to the Building Official to consider canceling approval as special inspector.

John Buzdor agreed to follow requirements. Commented on the more restrictive inspection process, noted his years of experience and that he is a PE.

Ron Thompson stressed that we depended on their specialized training and co-operation. Ron OK'd special inspection approval if Mr. Buzdor's application met the requirements.
John Buzdor provided completed renewal application and copies of current certifications. These were received by Rick Thornton for processing.

Rick Thornton
Chief of Inspections
Municipality of Anchorage
Office 907-343-8330,
Fax 907-249-7387

JOHN BUZDOR
S.I. # 060

MOA 20

DATE	PERMIT#	ADDRESS	NON-COMPLIANCE	INSP.
09/30/05	05 5753	Plaza 101	NC rebar	HR
10/12/05	05 5753	Plaza 101	1st Warning	RT
11/16/06	06 5868	AK USA	NC MOA Plans	PB
11/20/06	06 5868	AK USA	2nd Warning	RT
11/30/06	Response from Buzdor to 2nd letter			
06/16/07	07 5169	APU	Wrong location	PC
08/19/07	07 5253	Target	NC rebar	DH
08/30/07	07 5253	Target	NC rebar	DH
09/10/07	07 5253	Target	Rebar/Meeting at MOA office	RT
01/23/08	07 6039	UPS	NC CMU	BL
02/12/08	07 6039	UPS	Off site during grout pour	BL
02/14/08	07 6039	UPS	NC CMU	BL
05/23/08	08 4174	4001 Denali	Rebar placement	BG
06/03/08	Meeting minutes: John Buzdor, Ron Thompson, Richard Thornton & Jim Stubbs re: SI Quality concerns.			
06/12/08	08 4196	Lowe's	NC - rebar	DH
08/18/08	07 5556	2150 Raspberry	Rebar clearances	BL
08/20/08	07 6004	1000 Ingra	No inspection done, Off site during concrete pour	BG
09/12/08	08 4196	Lowe's	Inspected prior to finish rebar placement	PC
10/01/08	08 4777	2197 W Dimond	NC rebar	BL
02/18/09	08 4196	Lowe's	Fines - Not licensed inspectors	DH
06/19/09	09 4259	2020 Viking Dr	NC - rebar	PC
09/16/13		Dimon Center	Fines - Soils	GH
05/13/16	15 2200	N.Airpark Hangar	NC - rebar	PC
06/13/16	15 2200	N.Airpark Hangar	NC - CMU	PC
5/5/2014	MOA SI #060 expired. Not renewed until 5/25/16. Performed special inspections without License. Renewed license only after being told by HG, Chief of Inspections			
12/27/16	16 1560	BMW	Performed EIFS special inspection without certification.	PC
02/23/17	Suspension of License letter by certified mail			HG



February 23, 2017

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Customer # 356039 Federal Tax ID Expire //
 Name* Buzdor State Tax ID Is Licensed
 First Name John MI ID Type Is Agency Contractor
 Title ID Number 060 Professional ID
 Birth Date // Driver License # Professional Rate 0.0
 Language English Driver License State

Contact Information Also Known As Relationships **Licenses** Insurance Notifications

Licenses for this Contact (10 records)

License #	Type	Expired Date	Inactive	Inactive Date	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI MOA	5/24/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI WOOD	5/8/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI SOILS	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI PIERS	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 060	SI FIRES	3/1/2017	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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4. Conflict of Interest

4.1. A Special Inspector shall avoid a conflict of interest with a client and shall disclose any business association, or circumstance that might be so considered.

4.2. A Special Inspector shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties or their authorized agents, including MOA Building Safety.

4.3. A Special Inspector shall not solicit or accept gratuities, directly or indirectly, from any party, or parties, dealing with the client or employer in connection with the Special Inspector's work.

4.4. A Special Inspector shall only accept work from, and be paid by, an Owner, or Architect or Engineer of Record acting as the Owner's representative. Work for owners doing design-build projects must have pre-authorization from MOA Building Safety. Special Inspection work may not be performed for, or be paid by, contractors.

5. Approval by MOA Building Safety

5.1. A Special Inspector shall not pay, solicit, nor offer, directly or indirectly, any bribe or commission for approval by MOA Building Safety.

5.2. A Special Inspector shall not falsify, exaggerate, or misrepresent personal academic or professional qualifications, past assignments, accomplishments or responsibilities.

5.3. A Special Inspector shall not perform special inspections in the Municipality of Anchorage without first obtaining credentials from MOA Building Safety. Such credentials shall authorize a Special Inspector to perform special inspections in approved categories.

6. Unauthorized Practice. A violation of any part of this Code of Ethics shall constitute an unauthorized practice subject to imposition of sanctions by MOA Building Safety.

SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Project Name: BMW SHOWROOM ADDITION (C16-1560)
 Project No: 16-431
 Client: OWNER
 Location: ANC/AK
 Area Inspected: EIFS, ALL, HIGH AND LOW, NORTH, EAST, WEST
 ELEVS

Contractor: MCN
 Contractor's Rep: MW
 Special Inspector: JAB
 Inspection Date: 12/27/16
 Inspection Time: 12:00 PM
 Time Onsite: 3 HRS
 Reference Drawings: PER APPROVED DWGS

WORK DETAIL	COMMENTS
CONSTRUCTION	AIR BARRIER COMPLETE, MESH PLACED AS SPECIFIED, FOAM LARGELY COMPLETE.
	DRYVIT SYSTEM USED IN PLACE OF PAREX SYSTEM SPECIFIED. CLARIFICATION REQUESTED.

Review Date: 12/28/16

Reviewed by: JOHN A. BUZDOR, PE





Municipality of Anchorage

Mark Begich, Mayor

MOA 27



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October 12, 2005

John Buzdor
Buzdor Engineering
Statewide Services
3705 Arctic Boulevard # 1593
Anchorage AK 99503

RE: Special Inspection, Plaza 101, Permit #05-5753

Dear Mr. Buzdor,

Please find enclosed a copy of a special inspection report provided by you and dated September 30, 2005 that states the footing reinforcement complies with the plans for the Plaza 101 project.

Subsequent inspection by Municipality of Anchorage structural inspector Howard Romig revealed that the installation did not match the plans provided to him. The discrepancies noted were:

- 1) Plan details show two mats of rebar in exterior footings. In actuality the top mat was missing from all the footings.
- 2) Retaining wall footings and vertical rebar for the walls were not placed per the drawings.

As a result of Howard's inspection, the work was not approved and progress was stopped until corrections and a reinspection could be performed. Building Safety is concerned about the missing reinforcement and non-compliant spacing and by the fact that you approved the installation.

Please be advised that the installations approved by special inspectors must be in accordance with the engineered drawings and that any special inspector failing to perform his duty in a professional and responsible manner will be subject to suspension of his approval as a special inspector by the Municipality of Anchorage. This letter is to notify you that future special inspection approvals on your part that do not reflect the actual installation will be cause to consider suspension of your status as an approved special inspector.

If you have an explanation of how and why this installation was approved by you and then did not match the plans when inspected by us please forward it to me. You may also contact me and arrange for an appointment to discuss this if you feel there are facts we are not aware of.

Sincerely,

Rick Thornton
Acting Chief of Building Inspections
(907) 343-8330

RT/vg

cc: Ron Thompson, Building Official
Ron Wilde, Plan Review Engineer
Jim Stubbs, Lead Structural Inspector

SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Project Name: PLAZA 101 (PERMIT NO. 05-5753) Contractor: JANSSEN CONTRACTING
 Project No: 7031 Contractor's Rep: CG
 Client: JANSSEN Special Inspector: JAB
 Location: ANC/AK Inspection Date: 9/30/05
 Area Inspected: FOOTINGS, ALL Inspection Time: 12:30 PM
 Elevation: FND Time Onsite: 1 HR
 Reference Drawings: PER APPROVED DWGS

WORK DETAIL	COMMENTS
REINFORCEMENT	COMPLIES W/PLANS. PROVIDE CLEARANCES W/GROUND AND FORMS AS REQUIRED.
	WILL VERIFY CLEARANCE PRIOR TO CONCRETE PLACEMENT.

November 20, 2006

John Buzdor
Buzdor Engineering
Statewide Services
3705 Arctic Boulevard #1593
Anchorage AK 99503

Please find enclosed a copy of a special inspection report provided by you for permit number 06-5868 and dated November 11, 2006. The report states that the reinforcement for a thickened slab wall foundation complies with the approved plans for the project.

Subsequent inspection by Municipality of Anchorage structural inspector Paul Bergeron revealed that the installation did not match the approved plans provided on the jobsite. The discrepancy noted was:

- 1) The plans show a thickened slab connecting to the foundation wall. Instead, a foundation consisting of five courses of block with slab dowels was provided.

As a result of Paul's inspection, the work was not approved and progress was stopped until a change order was submitted, approved by plan review and a reinspection performed.

The necessity for the special inspector to perform knowledgeable and accurate inspections was stressed to you in a previous letter dated October 10, 2005 concerning permit number 05-5753. In that letter you were cautioned " that future special inspection approvals on your part that do not reflect the actual installation will be cause to consider suspension of your status as a special inspector."

This letter is your second documented warning that your inspection did not meet the requirements of IBC 2003 Section 1704. In this case, specifically, section 1704.1.2 which requires that reports shall indicate that work inspected was done in conformance to approved construction documents.

Please be advised that another failure on your part to perform competent special inspections will require the Building Official to suspend your approval as a special inspector as provided by Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2003 Edition, Section 23.15.1704.2.3.2.

If you have an explanation of how and why this installation was approved by you but did not match the approved plans when inspected by us please forward it to me. You may also contact me and arrange for an appointment to discuss this if you wish.

Sincerely,

Rick Thornton
Acting Chief of Inspections

RT/vg



March 17, 2017

Kent Kohlhasse, City Engineer & Building Official
Municipality of Anchorage
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

RE: Appeal of Suspension of MOA Special Inspector License #060

Dear Mr. Kohlhasse:

We are in receipt of the letter by Mr. Hans Gisler, Chief of Building Inspections, dated February 23, 2017. That letter suspends John Buzdor's Special Inspector License #060 in accordance with Section 23.15.1703.3.1 of the Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2012 Edition. That section of the code refers to suspending an individual's approval as a special inspector for a project. We met with you and your staff on March 8, 2017 to discuss the suspension. At the meeting, it was clearly stated that the intent is to permanently suspend (revoke) his license and pre-approval status in accordance with Section 23.15.1703.3.2.

We wish to appeal that decision. A permanent revocation of his license and pre-approval status seems excessive for the violation. We understand John performed a minor EIFS inspection. He has IBC training and many years of experience with similar EIFS installations. This minor installation was not outside his area of expertise. According to John, the need for an EIFS Special Inspector was not discussed at the pre-construction meeting for the BMW Showroom Remodel project. John did not know there was a requirement for an EIFS Special Inspector and did not intentionally or knowingly violate the Code of Ethics for Special Inspectors. HDL was recently made aware of past written reprimands and warnings, mostly 8-10 years ago before John's employment at HDL. However, his license has never been suspended. To go from old written reprimands to now permanently revoking his license seems severe. We appeal the permanent revocation of his license and request you consider other disciplinary action, such as a written reprimand, temporary suspension, and additional training. These seem more appropriate for his recent violation.

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3. Provide additional training to our inspectors on inspector skills;
4. Provide better oversight of our Special Inspector services.

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RE: Appeal of Suspension of MOA Special Inspector License #060
March 17, 2017
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Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. We look forward to resolving this matter quickly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC

Dennis Linnell
Partner

cc: Hans Gisler, Chief of Building Inspections

March 17, 2017

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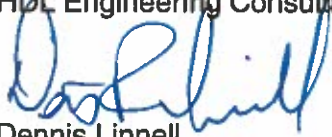
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RE: Appeal of Suspension of MOA Special Inspector License #060
March 17, 2017
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Sincerely,

HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC



Dennis Linnell
Partner

cc: Hans Gisler, Chief of Building Inspections

Gisler, Johann (Hans)

From: Kohlhase, Kent E.
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 5:22 PM
To: 'Dennis R. Linnell'
Cc: Gisler, Johann (Hans)
Subject: John Buzdor - Suspension Appeal

Hello Dennis,

I promised a response by the end of the week. I had intended to send a letter, but my week has been very hectic. I will follow up next week with a formal letter.

I agree with some of the points you raised in your letter, specifically that there has not been a progressive application of disciplinary action that would warrant a permanent revocation. Anchorage Municipal Code provides that the Building Official may suspend preapproval status, and that the preapproval may be reinstated after 365 days. I believe code provides the latitude for a less severe disciplinary action.

I will be suspending Mr. Buzdor's approval as special inspector for 6 months. The suspension is effective the date of Hans Gisler's letter, dated February 23. The suspension will expire August 23, 2017.

We will require Mr. Buzdor to take additional training. I'll provide more detail on what we will require in my letter next week.

This is a tough situation for all involved. I appreciate you being willing to sit down and discuss the issue.

Thanks,

Kent

Kent Kohlhase, P.E.
Project Management & Engineering
Municipality of Anchorage
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From: Dennis R. Linnell [mailto:dlinnell@hdlalaska.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Kohlhase, Kent E. <KohlhaseKE@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Subject: Suspension Appeal

Kent,

Attached is the appeal letter that I am planning to send out. The mail has already gone out today, so it won't leave our office until Monday. If you have any input to the letter of things that I might want to change or add, your comments would be appreciated.

Dennis Linnell, PE
Principal Civil Engineer

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Gisler, Johann (Hans)

From: JOHN BUZDOR <buzdor@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Gisler, Johann (Hans)
Subject: MOA 060 SUSPENSION

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am in receipt of your letter, which speaks for MOA.

First, this is "out of the blue".

Second, I thought, not too clearly perhaps, that EIFS inspection was an extension of wood special inspection. I would have gladly made other suitable arrangements for EIFS inspection had I known. I did not knowingly or intentionally break the Special Inspector Code of Ethics. It's ludicrous to think otherwise.

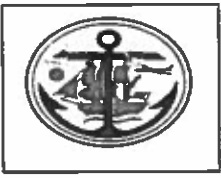
As for the balance of the suspension documents, I am puzzled by the inclusion of two old inspections I made over ten years ago, that were subject to a previous hearing, which was also over ten years ago.

I am in the midst of several projects. I requested interim approval of my license until an appointment could be arranged, which seemed reasonable, as the projects I'm working on are not subjects of my suspension. My request was denied.

I am 61 years old, a 41 year Alaska resident. I have been practicing special inspection in Anchorage for over twenty years. I have mouths to feed. I have done nothing to warrant this suspension. This suspension is unfair and is inflicting harm on my reputation and business.

I would like to arrange an appointment to further discuss this matter.

John A. Buzdor PE
Construction Testing Services Manager
HDL ENGINEERING
Consultants
cell: 907-242-9048



MOA 37
Municipality of Anchorage/Development Services Department
4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

Project Name: HDL/BUZZDOR Project #: _____

Meeting held at: 4700 ELMORE Date/Time: 3/8/2017 1500

	NAME (please print)	AGENCY / DEPARTMENT	PHONE	EMAIL
1	KENT KOHLHASE	BUILDING SAFETY	343-8159	KohlhaseK@MUNI.ORG
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3	GARY HILE	MOA BUILDING SAFETY	343-8390	HILEGA@MUNI.ORG
4	HANS GISLER	BLDG INSPECTION	543-7584	GISLERH@MUNI.ORG
5	JEAN A BUZZDOR	HDL	242-9048	buzzdor@mtaonline.net
6	DEBRA BUZZDOR	ANONYMOUS	242-9048	buzzdor@mtaonline.net
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Notes: DISCUSSION OF EFIS SYSTEM INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION FOR PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

APPEAL PROCESS - BLDG. OFFICIAL > BOARD REVIEW

DATE	PERMIT#	ADDRESS	NON-COMPLIANCE	INSP.
09/30/05	05 5753	Plaza 101	NC rebar	HR
10/12/05	05 5753	Plaza 101	1st Warning	RT
11/16/06	06 5868	AK USA	NC MOA Plans	PB
11/20/06	06 5868	AK USA	2nd Warning	RT
11/30/06	Response from Buzdor to 2nd letter			
06/16/07	07 5169	APU	Wrong location	PC
08/19/07	07 5253	Target	NC rebar	DH
08/30/07	07 5253	Target	NC rebar	DH
09/10/07	07 5253	Target	Rebar/Meeting at MOA office	RT
01/23/08	07 6039	UPS	NC CMU	BL
02/12/08	07 6039	UPS	Off site during grout pour	BL
02/14/08	07 6039	UPS	NC CMU	BL
05/23/08	08 4174	4001 Denali	Rebar placement	BG
06/03/08	Meeting minutes: John Buzdor, Ron Thompson, Richard Thornton & Jim Stubbs re: SI Quality concerns.			
06/12/08	08 4196	Lowe's	NC - rebar	DH
08/18/08	07 5556	2150 Raspberry	Rebar clearances	BL
08/20/08	07 6004	1000 Ingra	No inspection done, Off site during concrete pour	BG
09/12/08	08 4196	Lowe's	Inspected prior to finish rebar placement	PC
10/01/08	08 4777	2197 W Dimond	NC rebar	BL
02/18/09	08 4196	Lowe's	Fines - Not licensed inspectors	DH
06/19/09	09 4259	2020 Viking Dr	NC - rebar	PC
09/16/13		Dimon Center	Fines - Soils	GH
05/13/16	15 2200	N.Airpark Hangar	NC - rebar	PC
06/13/16	15 2200	N.Airpark Hangar	NC - CMU	PC
5/5/2014	MOA SI #060 expired. Not renewed until 5/25/16. Performed special inspections without License. Renewed license only after being told by HG, Chief of Inspections			
12/27/16	16 1560	BMW	Performed EIFS special inspection without certification.	PC
02/23/17	Suspension of License letter by certified mail			HG

BUZDOR

MOA 39

Thornton, Richard W.

From: Thornton, Richard W.
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 9:29 AM
To: Thornton, Richard W.
Subject: John Buzdor

When: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (GMT-09:00) Alaska.
Where: Building Safety Conference Room

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John Buzdor, 746-1593
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Meeting notes:

Meeting was held on time; Ron Thompson, Jim Stubbs, Rick Thornton and John Buzdor present.

Ron explained that inspections must be performed diligently, as required by adopted codes. 2 warning letters and 1 previous meeting here at building safety was sufficient notice that quality of inspection was not acceptable and that another incident resulting in a project work stoppage would be forwarded to the Building Official to consider canceling approval as special inspector.

John Buzdor agreed to follow requirements. Commented on the more restrictive inspection process, noted his years of experience and that he is a PE.

Ron Thompson stressed that we depended on their specialized training and co-operation. Ron OK'd special inspection approval if Mr. Buzdor's application met the requirements.

John Buzdor provided completed renewal application and copies of current certifications. These were received by Rick Thornton for processing.

Rick Thornton
Chief of Inspections
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