

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD
FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Maple Court
7545 Thunder Lane
Powell, TN 37849**

License No. ACLF 00000388

Case Number 201903057

CONSENT ORDER

This matter came to be heard before the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (hereinafter "the Board") on the 3rd day of October, 2019, pursuant to the request of the Tennessee Department of Health, by and through the Office of General Counsel, and **Maple Court** (hereinafter "Respondent") that the Board adopt this Consent Order, the terms of which have been agreed upon by the parties, as signified by their signatures below.

Respondent, by signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review of this matter.

Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should the Consent Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions, and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless

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independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

JURISDICTION

The Board has the power to license and regulate hospitals, recuperation centers, nursing homes, homes for the aged, residential HIV supportive living facilities, assisted-care living facilities, home care organizations, residential hospices, birthing centers, prescribed child care centers, renal dialysis clinics, ambulatory surgical treatment centers, outpatient diagnostic centers, adult care homes, and traumatic brain injury residential homes. Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-202. Further, TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-11-202(b)(1)(A) gives the Department the authority to conduct reviews of assisted-care living facilities to determine compliance with fire and life safety code regulations promulgated by the Board.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-210 provides that the Department shall conduct on-site inspections and investigations as may be necessary to safeguard and ensure at all times, the public's health, safety, and welfare. The Board has the authority to suspend or revoke the license of any facility licensed under Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-201 *et. seq.* The Board may also place a facility on probation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-207(f)(2). If the Board determines during or at the end of the probation that the facility is not taking steps to correct non-compliance or otherwise not responding in good faith pursuant to the plan of correction, the board may take any additional action as authorized by law. Tenn. Code Ann. 68-11-207(f)(8).

The Board is also authorized to establish a system for assessing civil monetary penalties for assisted-care living facilities, adult care homes and traumatic brain injury residential homes that are in serious violation of state laws and regulations, resulting in endangerment to the health,

safety and welfare of residents. Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-213(i)(2) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1200-08-25-.05(4),(5).

Upon a finding by the Board that an assisted-care living facility has violated any provision of the Health Facilities and Resources Act, Part 2 – Regulation of Health and Related Facilities or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, action may be taken, upon proper notice to the licensee, to impose a civil penalty, deny, suspend, or revoke its license. Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1200-08-25-.05(4). The Board has established by rule a schedule designating the minimum and maximum civil penalties which may be assessed. Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-213(i)(2) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1200-08-25-.05(4),(5)

Proceedings for disciplinary action against a facility are conducted in accordance with the Tennessee Administrative Procedures Act, Title 4, Chapter 5, of Tenn. Code Ann. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-08-25-.05(7). A Respondent in a disciplinary action is entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to personally appear before the Board, to present witnesses, to have subpoenas issued and to receive thirty (30) days' notice of the charges before being required to appear for a hearing. A Respondent who cannot afford legal counsel may be eligible for free or low-cost counsel. Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-101, *et seq.*

STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, **Maple Court**, located at 7545 Thunder Lane, Powell, TN 37849, has been licensed as an Assisted-Care Living Facility by the Board, having been issued license number **00000388** on July 31, 2013. Respondent has an active license with an expiration date of July 31, 2020.
2. From on or about June 11, 2019, the Department conducted investigation into a

complaint at Respondent facility.

3. Resident #1 was admitted to the facility in April 2017 with diagnoses of dementia and hypertension. Resident #1 resided in the secure unit of the facility.
4. A care plan dated April 9, 2019, revealed that Resident #1 exhibited agitated and anxious behaviors, was paranoid, and expressed delusional thoughts of people trying to poison her.
5. On or about May 13, 2019, Resident #1 was found sitting outside the facility on a utility box just beyond the facility's driveway. Resident #1 was returned to the facility.
6. Resident #1 was then sent to a geriatric-psychiatric unit of a local hospital for evaluation. Resident #1 was discharged back to the facility.
7. On or about May 21, 2019, the facility changed the exit door code and educated staff not to give the door code to family or visitors.
8. On or about May 22, 2019, Resident #1 eloped again from the facility. A police officer located Resident #1 at a restaurant approximately 0.1 miles from the facility. Resident #1 was returned to the facility.
9. Resident #1 was again sent geriatric-psychiatric unit of a local hospital for evaluation.
10. Facility investigation revealed that Resident #1 was able to elope from the building by exiting behind two (2) family members as they entered the secure unit of the facility. The facility failed to prevent Resident #1 was from eloping from the facility for the second time in eight (8) days.
11. The facility was also unaware of Resident #1's elopement until notified by local police.

GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

The facts stated in the Stipulations of Fact section, *supra*, are sufficient to establish that grounds for the discipline of Respondent's Assisted-Care Living Facility license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes and/or rules, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.

12. The facts stated in paragraph three (3) through eleven (11) are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated the provisions of Rule 1200-08-25-.07(7)(a)(3)[SERVICES PROVIDED], the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(7) An ACLF shall provide personal services as follows:

(a) Each ACLF shall provide each resident with at least the following personal services;

(3) Daily awareness of the individual's whereabouts.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

13. The assessment of one (1) civil monetary penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a total assessment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Payment shall be submitted to the following address within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order:

**Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Health Care Facilities
Attn: Eddie J. Stewart
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

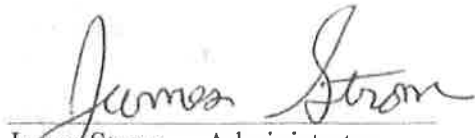
14. Upon ratification by the Board, the listing of the public discipline, including deficiencies and civil penalties on the Disciplinary Action Report pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-1-114.

Upon the agreement of the parties, this **CONSENT ORDER** is approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 3rd day of October, 2019.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that the agreement of the parties does hereby become the Final Order of the Board.


Chairperson
Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities

AGREED TO:


James Strom, Administrator
Maple Court
Respondent

8/30/2019
Date


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Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
(615) 741-1611

10-2-2019
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and exact copy of this Consent Order is being served upon Respondent, Maple Court, by and through its Administrator, c/o James Strom, 7545 Thunder Lane, Powell, TN 37849 and NIC 19 Powell Leasing, LLC, 55 West 46th Street, Suite 2204, New York, NY, 10036 by delivering same in the United States mail, certified return receipt

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7017 0190 0001 0037 3104 United States Postal Service first class, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination.

This 31st day of October, 2019.


Caroline R. Tippens
Assistant General Counsel

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