

**CASE NO. 1414240001**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>BEFORE THE TEXAS</b>
<b>TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF STATE</b>
	<b>§</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>
<b>PALACIOS, TX</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>AUSTIN, TX</b>

**AGREED ORDER**

**I. JURISDICTION**

The Department of State Health Services, Consumer Protection Division ("Department") is authorized to enforce the Texas Youth Camp and Safety Act ("Act"), Health and Safety Code 141, and the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Rules ("Rules"), 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 265, Subchapter B.

**II. RESPONDENT**

Texas Baptist Encampment ("Respondent") holds Youth Camp Registration No. 161001 and, as such, is subject to the aforementioned Act and Rules.

**III. FACTS**

On June 6, 2023, a representative from the Department conducted a youth camp inspection at Texas Baptist Encampment in Palacios, Texas. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance with the Rules and Act as referenced in "I. Jurisdiction."

As a result of the subsequent review of DSHS files, it was determined that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of the Rules and Act as referenced in "I. Jurisdiction." The violations are more specifically described in the Department's December 7, 2023, Notice of Violation Letter ("NOV"), which is adopted and incorporated in this Agreed Order ("Order") by reference.

#### **IV. NOTICE**

By the NOV, Joe Contreras, Consumer Protection Division, informed Respondent of the Department's intent to assess an administrative penalty of \$750.00. The letter was received by Respondent.

#### **V. RESPONSE**

Rob Kessler, representing Respondent, responded to the Department's NOV by requesting an informal conference.

#### **VI. SETTLEMENT**

On February 29, 2024, an informal conference was held between representatives of the Department and Respondent. The parties reached a proposed settlement, the terms of which are contained in the "It is Ordered" section of this Order, based on various factors including the desire to avoid litigation.

Respondent agrees to terms of this Order as evidenced by signing the Order. The following terms were agreed upon:

- VIOLATION 1 - FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN SWIMMING POOL.  
The administrative penalty for this violation is \$0.00.

Respondent has no objection to this Order being signed by the Commissioner of State Health Services or his designee.

#### **VII. COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

The facts contained herein are the complete settlement of all issues regarding the violations described in "IV. Notice" of this Order.

#### **A. WAIVER OF HEARING**

In exchange for the execution of this Order, Respondent waives the right to a hearing.

**B. NO WAIVER WITH REGARD TO FUTURE VIOLATIONS**

The Department does not waive the right to enforce future violations committed by Respondent.

**C. COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING**

The Department and Respondent acknowledge that they understand the terms of this settlement, enter into the settlement freely, and agree to the terms.

**D. NO RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Respondent waives the right to judicial review of this Order.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

Respondent shall henceforth comply with this Order and with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing the Texas Youth Camp and Safety Act. Failure to comply may result in additional compliance action and the Department seeking administrative penalties as originally proposed in the NOV, dated December 7, 2023.

Signed and ordered this 14th day of March, 2024.

Chris D. Drews  
Chris D. Drews  
Compliance Section Director  
Consumer Protection Division

**AGREED TO BY RESPONDENT:**

[Signature]  
Signature of Authorized Agent

ROBKESSELOR  
Printed Name

MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Signature Date