

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

COMPLAINANT,

v.

PULTE HOME COMPANY, LLC,

and its successors,

RESPONDENT.

) **DOCKET NO.: OSHANC 2025-6702**
) **INSPECTION NUMBER: 318291788**
) **CSHO ID: L1173**

CONSENT ORDER

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**NC Occupational Safety & Health
Review Commission**

THIS CAUSE came on pursuant to the Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference (“Hearing Notice”) on May 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., via Lifesize teleconferencing platform before the undersigned, Mary-Ann Leon, Hearing Examiner for the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Sage A. Boyd, Special Deputy Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina, appeared as counsel for the Complainant. Ronald W. Taylor, Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland, appeared as counsel for Respondent *pro hac vice*.

Pursuant to the Hearing Notice, a pre-hearing conference (the “Hearing”) was held for the purpose of considering matters which would simplify the issues and expedite the proceedings in the above referenced case including considering such matters that may be necessary or advisable for the completion of the case, and if possible, to reach a resolution without the necessity of further hearing. No affected employee of Respondent attended to have a say in, or participate as a party in, the Hearing. During the Hearing, the Hearing was continued to May 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., via Lifesize teleconferencing platform

On May 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., the Hearing reconvened. Attorney Boyd appeared as counsel for Complainant and Attorney Taylor appeared on behalf of Respondent. At the Hearing, Complainant and Respondent agreed upon and requested that the Stipulations and Motions be made part of the Hearing record and that the Undersigned issue a Consent Order. This Hearing was not an evidentiary hearing and the specific facts and circumstances relevant to the Inspection (hereinafter defined) and the Original Citation (hereinafter defined) were not introduced of record, and such facts and circumstances are not included in the Stipulations hereinafter set forth. The Stipulations and Motions are as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1. The Complainant, as Commissioner of Labor of the State of North Carolina, is charged by law with compliance with and enforcement of the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina, Article 16, Chapter 95 of the General Statutes of North Carolina (hereinafter “the Act”).
2. The Review Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter to this action.
3. On July 10, 2024, District Supervisor Ted Hendrix and Compliance Safety and Health Officer Lindsey Miller, both employed by the North Carolina Department of Labor, inspected Respondent's worksite located at 4635 Siddons Dr. in Wilmington, North Carolina (“the Inspection”).
4. Respondent, Pulte Home Company, LLC, is a Michigan limited liability company, which was authorized to do business in North Carolina on January 4, 2017. It is active and current and maintains a place of business in Cary, North Carolina. Respondent is an "employer" within the meaning of N.C.G.S. §95-127(11); and Respondent's employees referred to in this matter are "employees" within the meaning of N.C.G.S. §95-127(10).
5. As a result of the Inspection, on January 3, 2025, Complainant issued two citations carrying the following proposed abatement dates and penalties in the Citation and Notification of Penalty (hereafter referred to as the “Original Citation”):

CITATION NUMBER ONE (Repeat Serious)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Abatement Date</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
1	29 CFR 1926.1053(b)(1); Or, in the alternative 29 CFR 1910.23(c)(11)	Corrected During Inspection	\$20,000.00

CITATION NUMBER TWO (Serious)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Abatement Date</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
1	29 CFR 1926.100(a)	Corrected During Inspection	\$5,850.00

6. Respondent submitted a timely Notice of Contest dated January 24, 2025.
7. The Hearing in this matter was scheduled pursuant to Rules of Procedure of the Safety and Health Review Commission of North Carolina (the “Rules”).

8. Complainant and Respondent have no objection, either procedural or otherwise, to this Hearing; waive the making of a transcript; and consent to the conduct of this Hearing by the Undersigned and consent to entry of this Order.
9. Respondent confirms that the Original Citation and the Hearing Notice have been posted as required by the Rules.
10. Neither Complainant nor Respondent have received notification from any affected employee that such employee, or its representative, wishes to have a say in, or participate as a party in, this matter, or has any objections in connection with this matter including without limitation objection to the reasonableness of any abatement period.
11. Respondent confirms that all items in the Original Citation, as amended pursuant to Complainant's Motion, have been abated and Respondent agrees to use best efforts to comply with the Act.
12. **Respondent agrees that within ninety (90) days of the date of this Consent Order, Respondent will communicate with its existing trade-partners in the State of North Carolina in writing in the form of a memorandum or bulletin addressing ladder safety and fall protection requirements to ensure compliance with the Act, including but not limited to addressing compliance with 29 CFR 1910.1053(b)(1) to ensure proper extension of portable ladders to assist employees in mounting and dismounting the ladder.**
13. Respondent agrees to pay the new total penalty of **\$14,000.00 within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order**. In the event Respondent does not pay the penalty as agreed upon, Complainant retains the right to institute collection proceedings as allowed by law. Respondent agrees to collection proceedings to collect the debt. Payment is to be by check payable to the North Carolina Department of Labor, OSHA Division (identifying Inspection No. **318291788**) and mailed to North Carolina Department of Labor, Financial Services Division, 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1101.
14. The parties agree to bear their own fees, costs and other expenses, including attorney's fees if any, that have been incurred in connection with any stage of these proceedings up to and including the filing of this Consent Order.
15. Provided the respective Motions of each party are granted, Complainant and Respondent agree:
 - a) there are no other matters that remain to be decided, and that other than a ruling with respect to the Motions, no outstanding issues remain to be resolved by additional evidentiary hearing of this matter;
 - b) this Consent Order is a full and final resolution of the claims set out in the underlying Original Citation, as amended pursuant to Complainant's Motion;

- c) the modification of any portion of the Original Citation by Complainant shall not be deemed to be an admission by Complainant that any such portion was alleged without merit;
- d) none of the foregoing agreements, statements, stipulations and actions taken by the Respondent shall be deemed an admission by the Respondent of any of the allegations contained in the Original Citation, as amended, or waiver of defenses; provided, however, that in any subsequent proceeding with respect to matters covered by this Consent Order brought directly under the Act by Complainant, this Consent Order shall have the full force and effect of a final order; and
- e) the agreements, statements, stipulations and actions herein by Complainant and by Respondent are solely for the purpose of resolving this matter economically and amicably without further litigation and shall not be used for any other purposes except for proceedings and matters arising under the Act and Article 21, Chapter 95 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

MOTIONS

Complainant moves to do the following (“Complainant’s Motion”):

- 1. Amend the classification in Citation One, Item 1 to Non-Serious and amend the penalty to \$14,000.00; and**
- 2. Delete Citation Two, Item 1 and delete the penalty associated with it.**

Except as set forth in this Motion, the Original Citation shall remain unmodified or amended.

Respondent does not object to Complainant’s Motion.

Respondent requests that upon the granting of Complainant’s Motion, that the Undersigned consider the following motion by the Respondent (“Respondent’s Motion”):

- 1. Withdraw Respondent’s Notice of Contest to the Original Citation as amended pursuant to Complainant’s Motion set forth above.**

Complainant does not object to Respondent’s Motion.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the record and the Stipulations at the time of the Hearing as memorialized herein, the Undersigned makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. Complainant, Commissioner of Labor of the State of North Carolina, is an agency of the State of North Carolina charged with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

2. Respondent is subject to the provisions of the Act and jurisdiction of the Safety and Health Review Commission of North Carolina.
3. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this Hearing.
4. Neither party has any objection, procedural or otherwise, to this Hearing. No affected employee elected party status and no employee raised an objection to the reasonableness of the abatement time.
5. The Stipulations are incorporated by reference as Findings of Fact to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The foregoing Findings of Fact are incorporated by reference as Conclusions of Law to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. That Complainant’s Motion is hereby **GRANTED**;
2. That Respondent’s Motion is hereby **GRANTED**;
3. That Respondent shall pay the penalty of **\$14,000.00 within thirty (30) days of this Consent Order**; and
4. That the parties shall comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulations.

This the 05/13/2026.

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Hearing Examiner

CONSENTED TO:

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ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing FINAL CONSENT ORDER upon:

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THIS THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

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