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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Attorney General of the State of Texas
Office of the Attorney General
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FILE # ML-44418-05 I.D. # 44418

RE: Request for Interpretation of the Texas Structural Pest Control Act; Occ., Code Chpt. 1951

Dear Attorney General Abbott:

Pursuant to Gov.'t Code §402.045, the Texas Structural Pest Control Board (Board) requests an Opinion as to the interpretation of the Occ. Code, Chpt. 1951.

The attorney for the apartment association has previously submitted materials to the Board on the apartment association's interpretation of the law. Those materials are attached to this letter.

The Board is having increasing interaction with apartment complexes over the usage of pesticides and licensing of apartment employees who perform pesticide applications. This increased interaction has led the Board to seek an Opinion.

1. May the Board regulate and require apartment employees whose regular duties include the application of pesticides to or on an apartment's landscape to obtain a license?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Murray Walton
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Larry Niemann
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