IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2022-CA-007008 DIVISION:

TIER 1 CONSTRUCTION, INC. a Florida corporation,

Plaintiff,

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REBEKAH STEVENS, an individual, and, VALOR ROOFING GROUP, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,

Defendants.

AMENDED ORDER DETERMINING CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS AND REQUIRING SEALING OF THOSE <u>COURT RECORDS FROM PUBLIC EXAMINATION</u> (As to adding docket numbers only)

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records and to Seal Court Records from Public Examination (Docket #23) brought pursuant to Rule 2.420(c)(9), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, seeking an order determining the confidentiality of and sealing the following information relative to this case:

- ____ the party's name on the progress docket.
- X particular documents within the court file, specifically Docket Entries #14, #23 and #24, including restriction of public access to those documents on the online progress docket.
- _____ the entire court file, but not the progress docket.

_____ the entire court file and the progress docket.

Having considered the Motion, the arguments of the parties, legal authority, and otherwise being fully advised, the Court finds as follows:

1. Confidentiality of Docket Entries #14, #23 and #24 is required to protect the following interests to be protected under Rule 2.420(c)(9), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration:

- ____ Preventing a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically _____.
- ____ A trade secret.
- ____ A compelling government interest, specifically _____.
- X Avoiding substantial injury to innocent third parties, specifically employees of Tier 1 Construction, Inc. and family members of its principal Brent Parrish (including a minor child).
- Avoiding substantial injury to a party by the disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically

2. The Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this/these interests, and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interests.

3. The Court notes that all parties have joined in the Motion, and that all parties consent to the relief granted herein.

4. Further, there are no third parties who have an interest in the outcome of this action, and no prejudice or harm will occur to any third party if court records in this action are made confidential.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

A. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall seal immediately the following materials related to this matter and to keep such materials from public access on the online progress docket: i.e. the following documents within the court file: Docket Entries #14, #23, and #24.

B. Any materials sealed pursuant to this Order may be conditionally disclosed upon the Court's entry of any subsequent order finding that such opening is necessary for the purposes of judicial or governmental accountability or First Amendment rights.

C. The materials sealed pursuant to this Order may otherwise be disclosed only as follows:

a. to any Judge of this Circuit for case-related reasons;

b. to the Chief Judge or his or her designee;

c. to the parties or their attorneys of record; or,

d. by further order of the Court.

D. The Clerk of Court shall post a copy of this Order on the Clerk's website and in a "prominent public location" in the Duval County Courthouse within ten (10) days of the rendition of this Order, and the posted copy shall remain there for at least thirty (30) days from the date it is first posted. After the 30th day from the date this Order is

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posted, and unless further ordered by the Court, the Clerk of Court shall remove all posted copies of this Order

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, in Duval County, Florida this 12th day of

January, 2023.

itoL Circuit Judge

CC: Mark C. Bryan, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

> Adrian Middleton, Esq. Attorney for Defendants