

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Division of Financial Institutions
Consumer Finance

In the matter of:)	Case No. M2007-391
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PAUL N. CRAWFORD)	Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Renewal
5205 Double Eagle Drive)	&
Westerville, Ohio 43081)	Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing
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JURISDICTION

The Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"), is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322, and the rules adopted thereunder.

RESPONDENT

PAUL N. CRAWFORD ("Respondent") is an individual that held a loan officer license issued by the Division to originate residential mortgage loans pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322. Respondent's loan officer license expired on April 30, 2007, and Respondent filed an application to renew his license; that renewal application remains pending. Respondent's employer of record is Highland Banc, Inc., 5025 Arlington Centre Boulevard, Suite 240, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

In accordance with sections 1322.041 and 1322.10 of the R.C., and R.C. Chapter 119, the Division intends to DENY Respondent's renewal application for a loan officer license.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 1322.031(B), and has found the following:

In or around 1976, in the Franklin County, Ohio, Municipal Court, Respondent was convicted of Petit Theft.

As a result of the finding listed above, the Division has determined that the Respondent has been convicted of a theft offense as described in R.C. 1322.031(A)(2), and that, as a result, the Division is not authorized to renew Respondent's loan officer license pursuant to R.C. 1322.041(A)(3) & (B)(3).

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. Chapters 1322 and 119, Respondent is hereby notified that thirty-one (31) days from the date of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent intends to issue an order denying Respondent's loan officer license renewal application.

Respondent is further notified, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 119, that Respondent is entitled to a hearing on this matter. If Respondent desires to request a hearing, the request must be made in writing, and must be received in the offices of the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice. Hearing requests should be addressed: Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, Attn: Stephen DeFrank, Consumer Finance Attorney Examiner, 77 South High Street, 21st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6120.

At the hearing, Respondent may appear in person, by Respondent's attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Agency, or Respondent may present its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent.

If the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions does not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent will issue an order denying Respondent's loan officer license renewal application.

Signed and sealed this 20th day of July 2007.

RICHARD F. KECK

Acting Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance
Division of Financial Institutions
Ohio Department of Commerce