

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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by and between

THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Consumer Finance Section
77 South High Street, 21st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6120

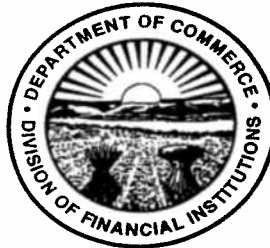
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REMODELER'S MORTGAGE COMPANY
6068 WEST LIBERTY STREET
HUBBARD, OH 44425

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INSTITUTIONS

This Settlement Agreement is a legally binding document that affects the rights of your mortgage brokerage company. Read it carefully. If you have any questions, consult an attorney.



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If you choose to enter into this Settlement Agreement, you must follow it EXACTLY. If you fail to follow any one filing instruction or any one provision of the Agreement, the Division may reject the Agreement.

All of the following must be completed and RETURNED to the Division in the envelope provided no later than TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003:

- ☐ All pages of this Settlement Agreement, including this cover page, must remain attached.
- ☐ The Settlement Agreement must be signed by: the owner if the mortgage broker registrant is a sole proprietor; all partners if the registrant is a partnership; at least one member if a limited liability company; and the president and secretary, as duly authorized by resolution of the board of directors, if the registrant is a corporation. The ORIGINAL, signed Agreement with all pages attached must be returned. Keep a copy for your records.
- ☐ A cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$1,000.00, made payable to DFI Consumer Finance, must be enclosed. NO OTHER METHOD OF PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED. If the envelope does not contain a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$1,000.00, your package will be returned and the Settlement Agreement will not be accepted.

- B. Because 2002 was the first year in which the law imposed CE requirements on operations managers, DFI extended Respondent's CE deadline into March of 2003.
- C. DFI's records indicate that Respondent did complete six (6) hours of approved CE AFTER the expiration of the extended deadline.
- D. Respondent admits that, despite the extension of time granted to Respondent to comply with the CE requirements, Respondent failed to complete the required CE credit hours by the extended deadline.
- E. DFI is authorized by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to revoke a registrant's mortgage broker certificate of registration if DFI finds that the registrant has violated "or fail[ed] to comply with any provision of sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections or any other law applicable to the business conducted under a certificate of registration[.]"
- F. Because Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.052, DFI has the authority to revoke Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration.
- G. DFI enters into this Settlement Agreement in lieu of formal proceedings under R.C. Chapter 119 to revoke Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration on the basis of Respondent's admitted noncompliance with the OMBA.
- H. DFI expressly reserves the right to institute formal proceedings based upon any violation of or noncompliance with any provision of the OMBA not specifically addressed herein, whether occurring before or after the effective date of this Settlement Agreement.

AGREED CONDITIONS

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings at this time, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily agrees with DFI to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

1. As penalty for the violations of law described herein, Respondent agrees to pay a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made payable to "DFI Consumer Finance," and shall be submitted to DFI with this Settlement Agreement.
2. Respondent hereby requests DFI to apply the six (6) hours of CE Respondent completed after the extended deadline to Respondent's 2002 CE requirement.
3. Respondent understands and agrees that the six (6) hours of CE credits earned are to be applied only to Respondent's 2002 CE requirement; these credits cannot be applied to Respondent's 2003 CE requirement, which must be completed by December 31, 2003.

4. Respondent understands and agrees that if Respondent fails to follow any term of this Settlement Agreement or any filing instruction, DFI may reject the Settlement Agreement and initiate formal proceedings under R.C. Chapter 119 to revoke Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration.
5. Respondent understands and agrees that by executing this Settlement Agreement, Respondent admits that it has violated R.C. Section 1322.04(B)(2) by failing to complete the 2002 CE requirement of the OMBA, and that Respondent has been penalized in the form of a fine for this violation.
6. Respondent understands that it must comply with every provision herein, and that to be considered for acceptance by DFI, the ORIGINAL properly executed Settlement Agreement, with all pages attached, must be received in the offices of DFI on or before Tuesday, September 30, 2003.
7. If Respondent properly files this Agreement and fully complies with every provision, DFI agrees to execute the same and agrees not to initiate revocation proceedings based solely on the violations addressed herein.
8. Should DFI discover that Respondent has provided DFI with false, fraudulent, misleading, or incomplete information pertaining to this Agreement, Respondent agrees that such evidence will firmly establish that Respondent's character and general fitness do not command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that it will conduct business honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of the OMBA. Respondent further agrees that such discovery is grounds for permanent revocation of its mortgage broker certificate of registration.
9. The above-described terms, conditions and limitations may be amended or terminated at any time upon the written agreement of both parties.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

If, in the discretion of DFI, Respondent appears to have violated or breached any term or condition of this Settlement Agreement, DFI reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including but not limited to, alleged violations of any law occurring before, on, or after the effective date of this Settlement Agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/LIABILITY RELEASE

Respondent acknowledges that it has been advised by DFI to seek legal counsel if it has any question concerning the terms and/or effect of this Settlement Agreement.

Respondent hereby releases DFI, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

This Settlement Agreement shall be considered a public record as that term is used in R.C. 149.43, and may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks, and governmental bodies, or released to the general public.

This Settlement Agreement in no way binds or limits future actions DFI may take with respect to Respondent or any other person, individual, or company, for the same or similar violations.

EFFECTIVE DATE

It is expressly understood that this Settlement Agreement shall become effective upon the last date of signature below.

The Settlement Agreement must be signed by: the owner if the mortgage broker registrant is a sole proprietor; all partners if the registrant is a partnership; at least one member if a limited liability company; and the president and secretary, as duly authorized by resolution of the board of directors, if the registrant is a corporation. The ORIGINAL, signed Agreement with all pages attached must be returned. Keep a copy for your records.

PRINTED Name of authorized signor #1:

RICHARD J FERENCE

SIGNATURE of authorized signor #1:

9-23-03

Date

PRINTED Name of authorized signor #2:

SIGNATURE of authorized signor #2:

Date

PRINTED Name of authorized signor #3:

SIGNATURE of authorized signor #3:

Date

PRINTED Name of authorized signor #4:

SIGNATURE of authorized signor #4:

Date

9/29/03
ROBERT M. GRIESER

DATE

Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance
Ohio Division of Financial Institutions

9/29/03
AMANDA M. AXTELL

DATE

Consumer Finance Legal Counsel
Ohio Division of Financial Institutions