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

In the matter of:	) Case No. M2007-587
RONALD STEPHENS 1643 First Avenue	ORDER OF LICENSE SUSPENSION  &
Cincinnati, Ohio 45205	) NOTICE OF HEARING

## **DIVISION ORDER**

WHEREAS, 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. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as residential mortgage loan officers; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Stephens ("Respondent") holds a loan officer license number 19609 issued by the Division. His address of record is 1643 First Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205, and his date of birth is January 4, 1963. Respondent's employer of record is Walker Douglas Home Mortgage, LLC, 8050 Beckett Center, Suite 111, West Chester, Ohio 45069; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 1322.10 (F)(2) requires the Division to suspend, without a prior hearing, the license of a licensee who failed to fulfill the continuing education requirements of R.C. 1322.052 until such time as the required continuing education is completed and a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is paid to the treasurer of state to the credit of the consumer finance fund; pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 1301:8-7-08 (C)(4), an individual with a suspended license is not permitted to originate residential mortgage loans; and

WHEREAS, Respondent held a loan officer license during the 2006 calendar year and failed to fulfill the continuing education requirements of R.C. 1322.052 for calendar year 2006; and

Pursuant to R.C. 1322.10 (F)(2), loan officer license number 19609 issued to Respondent is hereby SUSPENDED.

It is so ordered.

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON SUSPENSION ORDER

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. 1322.10 (F)(4), R.C. Chapter 119 and Section 1301:8-7-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Respondent is hereby notified that a hearing shall be held at 8:30 a.m. on November 13, 2007 regarding the continuation or termination of the suspension imposed herein.

On its own motion, and due to a lack of available hearing dates within the thirty-day time period prescribed by section 1301:8-7-27 (A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, said hearing is continued to Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1938 located on the 19<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 South High Street in Columbus.

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.

Signed and sealed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2007.

LEIGH A. WILLIS

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