

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. M2006-9993195
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JAMES M. RICE, JR.)	Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Renewal
1433 Clinton Street)	&
Sandusky, Ohio 44870)	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. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as residential mortgage loan officers.

RESPONDENT

JAMES M. RICE, JR. ("Respondent") is an individual that holds a loan officer license issued by the Division to originate residential mortgage loans pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322. Respondent has applied to the Division for renewal of his loan officer license, which expired April 30, 2006. His address of record is 1433 Clinton Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870, and his date of birth is January 21, 1971. Respondent's employer of record is 1st Resource Mortgage, Ltd., 16600 West Sprague Road, Suite 80, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130.

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 loan officer license renewal application.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

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

- A. The Division is authorized by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to refuse to renew a loan officer license if the Division finds that the licensee or applicant 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[.]"
- B. Respondent previously held a loan officer license during the 2005 calendar year.
- C. R.C. 1322.052 requires every licensed loan officer to complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education ("CE") every calendar year (by December 31st).
- D. Respondent failed to complete the required 6 hours of CE credit for the 2005 calendar year as required by R.C. 1322.052.
- E. Because Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.052, the Division is authorized under R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to refuse to renew Respondent's loan officer license.

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 under the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act.

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: Carrie V. Moore, Consumer Finance Associate Counsel, 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 his/her 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.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of November 2006.

ROBERT M. GRIESER

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