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

)	Case No. M2006-9993316
)	DIVISION ORDER
)	Mortgage Broker Registration Revocation
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)	Notice of Appellate Rights
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WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division") and charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, as codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322, the Division finds that this Order is necessary and appropriate, in the interest of the public, and is consistent with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act; and

WHEREAS, Lenders Choice Mortgage, LLC ("Respondent") is a company that held a certificate of registration to engage in business as a mortgage broker pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2007, the Division issued Respondent a Notice which informed it that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that:

- 1. The Division is authorized by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to revoke a mortgage broker certificate of registration if the Division finds that the applicant has violated "or failed to comply with any provisions 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[.]"
- 2. R.C. 1322.03(A)(3) requires a mortgage broker that is a limited liability company to designate an operations manager.
- 3. If the person designated as the operations manager pursuant to R.C. 1322.03 is no longer operations manager, the mortgage broker registrant must designate another person as the operations manager and, within ten days thereof, notify the Division in writing of the designation. See R.C. 1322.04(D).
- 4. Since April 19, 2006, Respondent has been operating as a mortgage broker registrant without an operations manager in violation of R.C. 1322.03(A)(3).
- 5. Because Respondent violated or failed to comply with R.C. 1322.03(A)(3) and 1322.04(D), the Division is authorized under R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to revoke Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration.

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to revoke Respondent's certificate of registration and of the opportunity for a hearing regarding the revocation if requested within thirty days from the mailing of the Notice. The Notice further cautioned Respondent that if the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions did not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of the Notice, the Superintendent would issue an order revoking Respondent's certificate of registration;

WHEREAS, the Division was unable to obtain service upon Respondent at the address Respondent provided, and the Division published the Notice in accordance with R.C. Chapter 119 in the *Daily Legal News* for three (3) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, the Division finds that the allegations contained in the Notice are true and that Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration should be revoked;

Respondent Lenders Choice Mortgage, LLC's mortgage broker certificate of registration is hereby revoked.

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Respondent is hereby notified that this Order may be appealed, pursuant to R.C. 119.12, by filing a notice of appeal with the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds for the appeal. A copy of such notice of appeal must also be filed with the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the Respondent is located, or the county in which the Respondent is a resident. A notice of appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of this Order.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of July 2007.

RICHARD F. KECK

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