

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

In the matter of:	)	Case No. M2006-9993118
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<b>THOMAS E. LEVERING</b>	)	<b>Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Application</b>
1926 Ironton Drive	)	&
Columbus, OH 43228	)	<b>Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing</b>
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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**

**THOMAS E. LEVERING** ("Respondent") has applied to the Division for a loan officer license. His address of record 1926 Ironton Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228, and his date of birth is April 19, 1962. Respondent's employer of record is Freedom Banc Mortgage Services, Inc., 325 Cramer Creek Court, Suite 205, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

**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 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:

- A. The Division is authorized by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to refuse to issue a loan officer license if the Division finds that the licensee or applicant has violated or failed "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 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 31<sup>st</sup>).
- 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 issue a 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 application for a loan officer license.

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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 application.

Signed and sealed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

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**RICHARD F. KECK**

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