

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. M2006-9993355
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INFINITE MORTGAGE, INC.)	Notice of Intent to Deny 2006 Renewal Application
5958 Harrison Avenue)	&
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248)	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 registration of mortgage brokers.

RESPONDENT

INFINITE MORTGAGE, INC. ("Respondent") is a company that held a certificate of registration to engage in business as a mortgage broker pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322. Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration expired on April 30, 2006, and Respondent filed an application to renew its certificate of registration. The renewal application remains pending. Respondent's business address of record is 5958 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

In accordance with sections 1322.04 and 1322.10 of the R.C., and R.C. Chapter 119, the Division intends to DENY Respondent's 2006 renewal application for a mortgage broker certificate of registration.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 1322.10(B), and has found the following:

- A. The Division is authorized by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) to refuse to renew an applicant's mortgage broker certificate of registration if the Division finds that the 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 under a certificate of registration[.]"
- B. R.C. 1322.03 requires a mortgage broker applicant that is a corporation to designate an operations manager.
- C. 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).
- D. As of January 3, 2006, the Division had not received notice that Donald Gordon, Jr., Respondent's newly designated operations manager, had taken and passed the required operations manager examination within the 90 day period, ending December 21, 2005.

- E. On January 3, 2006, the Division sent a letter to Respondent stating that the application for change of operations manager (Donald D. Gordon, Jr.) had been withdrawn. The Division requested that Respondent submit a letter within ten (10) days designating an operations manager.
- F. As of April 30, 2006, Respondent had not provided the Division with written notification of a newly designated operations manager, as mandated by R.C. 1322.04(D).
- G. Since January 3, 2005, Respondent has been operating as a mortgage broker registrant without an operations manager in violation of R.C. 1322.03(A)(3).
- H. Ohio Revised Code Section 1322.05(A) requires every registered mortgage broker conducting business in the State of Ohio to maintain "in effect at all times a corporate surety bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this state." See, R.C. 1322.05(A).
- I. On or about March 24, 2006, Respondent submitted a "continuation certificate" in support of Respondent's application to renew its certificate of registration, which stated that Respondent's mortgage broker bond issued by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company would remain in force until April 30, 2007.
- J. On or about August 2, 2006, the Division was notified by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company that it was terminating its liability under the mortgage broker bond issued to Respondent, effective September 13, 2006.
- K. On or about September 5, 2006, the Division sent a letter to Respondent notifying it of the deficiency under R.C. Section 1322.05(A).
- L. As of the date of this Notice, the Respondent has not provided the Division with evidence of a new bond, as required by R.C. Section 1322.05(A), or taken any other official action to correct the deficiency.

As a result of the findings listed above, the Division has determined that:

- 1. Because Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.03(A)(3), 1322.04(D) and 1322.05(A), the Division finds Respondent's character and general fitness do not command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, thereby failing to meet the prerequisite for certificate of registration renewal found in R.C. 1322.04(B)(3). See R.C. 1322.04(A)(10) & (B)(3).
- 2. Because Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.03(A)(3), 1322.04(D) and 1322.05(A) and did not meet the conditions outlined in R.C. 1322.04(A)(3) and (B)(2), the Division has the authority to refuse to renew Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration.

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 renewal application 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 its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent. At the hearing, a corporation must have a representative that is permitted to practice before the Agency, such as an attorney.

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 renewal application.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of May 2007.

RICHARD F. KECK

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