

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. M2010-975
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JAMES M. STIMMEL)	Notice of Intent to Refuse
224 Hearthstone Drive)	Mortgage Loan Originator License
Delaware, OH 43015)	&
)	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 Loan Act, codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1321, and the rules adopted thereunder. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as mortgage loan originators.

RESPONDENT

JAMES M. STIMMEL ("Respondent") has applied to the Division for a mortgage loan originator license. His address of record is 224 Hearthstone Drive, Delaware, OH 43015, and his date of birth is August 30, 1957. Respondent's current employer of record is Regency Finance Company, dba Citizens Financial Services Inc., located at 3320 East State Street, Hermitage PA 16148.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

In accordance with R.C. Sections 1321.532 and R.C. Chapter 119, the Division intends to REFUSE to issue Respondent a mortgage loan originator license.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 1321.531(E), and has found the following:

- A. The Division is authorized by R.C. 1321.532(A)(5) to issue a mortgage loan originator license if the Division finds, among other requirements, that "[t]he applicant's financial responsibility, character, and general fitness command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code."
- B. Respondent held a loan officer license, issued by the Division pursuant to the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, R.C. Chapter 1322, during the 2004 calendar year.

- C. R.C. 1322.052, as in effect in 2004, required 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 2004 calendar year as required by R.C. 1322.052.
- E. Because Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.052, the Division finds that Respondent does not meet the requirement for licensure in R.C. 1321.532(A)(5).

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 refusing to issue Respondent a mortgage loan originator 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: Stephen DeFrank, Consumer Finance 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.

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 refusing to issue Respondent a mortgage loan originator license.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of December, 2010.

CAROLYN L. BRADFORD
Superintendent
Division of Financial Institutions
Ohio Department of Commerce