

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. M2007-432
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GROVES FUNDING GROUP, INC.)	<u>DIVISION ORDER</u>
10700 Montgomery Road, Suite 227)	Mortgage Broker Registration Denial
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242)	&
)	Notice of Appellate Rights

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, 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, Groves Funding Group, Inc. ("Respondent") is a company that applied for a certificate of registration to engage in business as a mortgage broker pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322, and said application remains pending; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2008, 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 cannot find that Respondent's character and general fitness command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that its business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act. See R.C. 1322.04(A)(10).
2. Because Respondent's sole shareholder has been pleaded guilty to and been convicted of fraud and an offense involving money, Respondent does not meet the requirement for receiving a certificate of registration in R.C. 1322.04(A)(7).
3. Respondent's mortgage broker certificate of registration application should be denied as permitted by R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) and (b).

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to deny the Respondent's application for a certificate of registration and of the opportunity for a hearing regarding the denial 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 denying Respondent's application for a certificate of registration;

WHEREAS, the Notice was mailed to Respondent, via certified mail, on December 31, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Notice mailed to Respondent via certified mail on December 31, 2008 was returned to the Division "unclaimed," and the Division mailed the Notice to the Respondent via ordinary mail, pursuant to R.C. 119.07, on January 27, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Notice mailed to Respondent via ordinary mail on January 27, 2009 was not returned to the Division;

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

Respondent Groves Funding Group, Inc.'s application for a mortgage broker certificate of registration is hereby denied.

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 10th day of March 2009.

LEIGH A. WILLIS

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