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#### BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

#### OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In re Mortgage Loan Originator License Application of:

JASON TOD WILSON, NMLS ID No. 365533,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2019-16-18

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ORDER OF DENIAL OF MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION

AND

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

The Director of the Idaho Department of Finance (Director), pursuant to the Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices Act, Idaho Code § 26-31-101 et seq. (the Act), and in particular §§ 26-31-306(1)(d), 26-31-306(1)(h) and 26-31-313(1)(b) of the Act, hereby issues the following Notice of Intent to Issue Order of Denial of Mortgage Loan Originator License Application and Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Hearing.

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6), JASON TOD WILSON (the Applicant) has the right to a hearing on the question of his qualifications, but to do so he must make a written request for a hearing within fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of this Notice. If the written request is not timely made, the Director shall issue a Final Order of Denial of Mortgage Loan Originator License Application.

The Notice is based on the following:

#### **MATTERS ASSERTED**

- 1. The Applicant, a resident of the state of Arizona, applied for an Idaho Mortgage Loan Originator license by filing a Form MU4 through the online Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLSR) on April 9, 2019.
- 2. The application Form MU4, seeks information about an applicant's qualifications to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator. Section 6 of the application form is entitled "Disclosure Questions" and it consists of a series of questions that inquire into an applicant's history regarding financial, criminal, civil, judicial and regulatory matters. Pertinent to the Applicant's qualifications is question (D), which reads: "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?"
  - 3. The Applicant responded with a "no" to this question.
- 4. As with all application reviews, a Department examiner conducted an assessment of the Applicant using various sources of public information to determine if the applicant demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, character, and general fitness in order to be

licensed as a mortgage loan originator.<sup>1</sup> The examiner found two relevant omissions in the Applicant's responses to the disclosure questions.

- 5. The examiner obtained a public records background information report through LexisNexis. These records revealed that the Applicant gave a false response regarding whether he had any unsatisfied liens or judgments against him.
- 6. The report showed there is an unsatisfied judgment in the amount of \$1,404 against the Applicant that was filed in Louisiana at the West Baton Rouge City Court on January 25, 2016, in favor of Midland Funding LLC (Court No. 2014 CV00260). The report also showed a federal tax lien that was filed against the Applicant in Louisiana at the West Baton Rouge District Court against on April 21, 2014, in the amount of \$42,541.
- 7. The examiner confirmed through the West Baton Rouge Parish Court webpage that the above described judgment and tax lien remain outstanding against the Applicant and she also confirmed via a telephone call to the Clerk of the Court that no cancellation, satisfaction, or release had been filed for either matter.
- 8. The Applicant made two material misstatements in his application by stating that he had no unsatisfied judgments or tax liens filed against him.

### **LEGAL CONCLUSIONS**

9. Paragraphs 1 through 8 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conducted pursuant to Part 3 of the Act titled "The Idaho Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act" (Idaho S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act), Idaho Code § 26-31-305.

- 10. Idaho Code § 26-31-304 provides that an individual shall not engage in the business of a mortgage loan originator without first obtaining, and maintaining annually, a license.
- 11. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(1) provides that an applicant for a mortgage loan originator license must apply through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLSR), in a form required by the Director.
- 12. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h), before an application for license can be approved, the Applicant must provide all information on the application.
- 13. Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d) provides that the Director shall not issue a mortgage loan originator license under the Act unless the Director makes a finding that the Applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character and general fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act.
- 14. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(b), the Director may deny a license if an applicant withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license.
- 15. The Applicant made two material misstatements of fact in his application, which is grounds to deny his application for licensure. He indicated that he had no unsatisfied liens or judgments against him. However, as described in above, the Applicant has an unsatisfied judgment and an unsatisfied federal tax lien filed against him in the state of Louisiana. These material misstatements by the Applicant prohibit the Director from issuing a license to the Applicant pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h).

16. The Director finds it appropriate to deny the application because the Applicant's failure to disclose on the Form MU4 the unsatisfied judgment and unsatisfied tax lien demonstrates that the Applicant lacks the appropriate character and fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act. Because the Director cannot make the requisite findings under Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d), it is appropriate to deny the Applicant's request for an Idaho mortgage loan originator license, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313.

## **NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING**

17. The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the foregoing NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ORDER OF DENIAL OF MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION will become a final order of the Director, unless the Applicant timely submits a request for hearing pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6)(a). Such request for a hearing must be in writing and submitted to the Department within fifteen (15) days after the service of this NOTICE. A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall be served on Anthony Polidori, Consumer Finance Bureau Chief, at the following address:

Anthony Polidori
Consumer Finance Bureau Chief
Idaho Department of Finance
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0031

Alternatively, the Applicant may email the request for hearing to: CFLegal@finance.idaho.gov.

A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall also be served on the Department's counsel in this matter, Brian D. Nicholas, Deputy Attorney General, at the same address.

- 18. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Department will notify the Applicant of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding officer.
- 19. Any hearing and subsequent proceedings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, Idaho Code § 67-5201 et seq.
- 20. Alternatively, the Applicant can withdraw the application she submitted on April 9, 2019. If the Applicant withdraws the application before the deadline to submit a request for a hearing, the Department will not issue a Final Order of Denial of Mortgage Loan Originator License Application. The Applicant can then submit a new complete application, which will be reviewed by the Department.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2019.

STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MARY E. HUGHES, Acting Director

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