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BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In re Mortgage Loan Originator License Renewal Application of:

SAMANTHA HREHOCIK, NMLS ID No. 1027657,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2021-16-43

ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN
ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REQUEST A HEARING

The Director of the State of 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) and (h) and 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Mortgage Loan Originator License Application, and Notice of the Opportunity for a Hearing (Order).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Applicant, Samantha Hrehocik, a resident of the state of Ohio, holds NMLS number 1027657 and applied for an Idaho Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) license by filing an ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING – Page 1

individual Form MU4 through the online Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLSR or NMLS). This application was attested to on February 23, 2021 by the Applicant and was submitted on the Applicant's behalf on the same date by Lydia Marie Myus of Homeside Financial, LLC.

- 2. The application Form MU4 seeks information about an individual applicant's qualifications to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator. A section of the application is entitled "Disclosure Questions" and consists of a series of questions that inquire into an applicant's history regarding financial, criminal, civil, judicial and regulatory matters.
- 3. Pertinent to the Applicant's qualifications is the following question: (D): "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" The applicant responded, "No."
- 4. Consistent with normal practice, 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.¹
- 5. The examiner obtained a public record background information report through LexisNexis, which showed that the Applicant has a judgment and seven State of Ohio tax liens against her. The examiner obtained copies of the judgment and tax liens as follows:
 - a. Judgment Entry against the Applicant in favor of Midland Credit Management, Inc., Case No. 20CVF00762, for \$1,361.07, which was entered November 12, 2020, in the Licking County Municipal Court, State of Ohio;

¹ 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 § 26-31-306.

- b. Praecipe (order), also referred to as a judgment lien, that was entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on January 9, 2021, Serial No. 100001616030 in the amount of \$16,833.02, under the Tax Type: "Sales Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on January 18, 2021 under Case No. 2021 JD 204632;
- c. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on May 16, 2020, Serial No. 100001465310 in the amount of \$13,217.49, under the Tax Type: "Sales Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on May 26, 2020 under Case No. 2020 JD 199249;
- d. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on January 30, 2020, Serial No. 100001265266 in the amount of \$10,156.97, under the Tax Type: "Sales Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on February 3, 2020 under Case No. 2020 JD 197165;
- e. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on January 4, 2020, Serial No. 100001146134 in the amount of \$6,781.67, under the Tax Type: "Sales Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on January 13, 2020 under Case No. 2020 JD 196916.

- f. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on September 28, 2019, Serial No. 02201829764751 in the amount of \$1,157.97, under the Tax Type: "Personal Income Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on October 7, 2019 under Case No. 2019 JD 194783.
- g. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on April 13, 2019, Serial No. 100000961404 in the amount of \$3,409.04, under the Tax Type: "Sales Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on April 23, 2019 under Case No. 2019 JD 192458; and
- h. Praecipe (order) entered against the Applicant, in favor of The State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Licking County on September 29, 2018, Serial No. 02201807348663 in the amount of \$2,314.37, under the Tax Type: "Personal Income Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Licking County, on October 9, 2018 under Case No. 2018 JD 190435.
- 6. The Department has no evidence indicating that the judgment and/or the Ohio tax liens described above have been satisfied and/or released.
- 7. The Applicant's negative response to the Form MU4 application disclosure question (D) is a material misrepresentation, and the failure to provide the details of the judgment and the Ohio tax liens described above constitutes a material omission.

8. On June 15, 2021, the Department provided the Applicant notice of an intent to deny the application within approximately one month based on the information set forth above unless the Applicant was able to provide documentation to satisfy the Department that the noted item had been resolved and that disclosure was not required. The notice alternatively provided the Applicant the opportunity to withdraw the application. The Applicant failed to provide the requisite documentation or withdraw the application by the stated deadline of July 13, 2021.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 9. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 8 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- 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 NMLSR in a form required by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance (Director).
- 12. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h), before an application for license can be approved, an applicant must provide all information on the application as required per Idaho Code § 26-31-305. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(10) further provides that an applicant shall make complete disclosure of all information as set forth in 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 an 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(1)(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 a material misstatement of fact in his application, which is grounds to deny her application for licensure. She answered a question inaccurately and failed to disclose the judgment and Ohio tax liens. The false answer to disclosure question (D) and failure to disclose the judgment and tax liens prohibits 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 provide complete information on the Form MU4 regarding the judgment and Ohio tax liens 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(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §§ 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION ATTESTED TO BY

SAMANTHA HREHOCIK, NMLS #1027657, ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AND SUBMITTED ON MS. HREHOCIK'S BEHALF ON THE SAME DATE BY LYDIA MARIE MYUS OF HOMESIDE FINANCIAL, LLC IS DENIED.

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

17. The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the foregoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION is a final order of the Director denying the license application, subject to the Applicant's right to timely file a request for a hearing on the question of her qualifications for a mortgage loan originator license under the Act, 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 Order. A copy of the request for hearing shall be served on the following:

Erin Van Engelen Consumer Finance Bureau Chief Idaho Department of Finance P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0031

A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall also be served on the Department's counsel in this matter:

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

18. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director of the Department, or a Hearing Officer acting on the Director's behalf, 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. and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure (IDAPA 04.11.01).

20. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6), if a hearing is held, the Applicant shall reimburse, pro rata, the Director for her reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this $\frac{20\%}{}$ day of July 2021.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

executed copy of the foregoing	s <u>20</u> day of July 2021, I caused a true and correct full DRDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENS OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING to be served on the following	SF
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