

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF BANKING

IN THE MATTER OF:

ASHLAND MORTGAGE CORPORATION
ATTN: Steven E. Barleben
3826 N. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60613

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No. 2006-MBR-16

ORDER ASSESSING FINE

The DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, Division of Banking (the "Department"), having conducted a special examination related to activities conducted by Ashland Mortgage Corporation, (the "Licensee") and having documented violations of the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 (the "Act") [205 ILCS 635] and the rules promulgated under the Act (the "Rules") [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], hereby issues this ORDER pursuant to the authority provided under Section 4-5 (h)(5) of the Act. The Department makes the following:

FINDINGS

1. That Ashland Mortgage Corporation is an Illinois residential mortgage licensee holding license No. MB.0006016 and located at 3826 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60613;
2. That on March 29, 2006 the Department conducted a special examination of Licensee at Licensee's office and observed and/or found documentation, including but not limited to loan logs, interviewer signatures on consumer mortgage loan applications, payroll and other records, that unregistered individuals had performed and/or were continuing to perform loan originator activities as defined in Section 1-4(hh) of the Act, said individuals identified as follows:

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3. That the Department mailed to Licensee a letter of potential disciplinary action and that Licensee failed to provide a sufficient response to the Department documenting that the named loan originators were duly and permanently registered at all times on or after July 1, 2005 and that the violations cited herein had not occurred.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, THE DEPARTMENT IS OF THE OPINION AND CONCLUDES:

That notwithstanding notices and other efforts by the Department, Licensee knowingly hired or employed one or more loan originators on or after July 1, 2005 who were not duly and permanently registered at all times with the Department in violation of Sections 2-4(x) and 7-1 of the Act and Section 1050.2110 et seq. of the Rules.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That Ashland Mortgage Corporation, License No. MB.0006016, shall be and hereby is assessed a fine of \$2,500 for an initial unregistered loan originator, and \$500 for an additional unregistered loan originator;
2. That the total fine in the amount of \$3,000 shall be due thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order upon Ashland Mortgage Corporation shall be paid by means of a certified check or money order made payable to the:

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Banking
ATTN: FISCAL DIVISION, 2ND FLOOR
320 W. Washington Street
Springfield, IL 62786**

3. That Ashland Mortgage Corporation, License No. MB.0006016, shall be and hereby is required to correct the violations cited in this Order by registering all loan originators, including newly hired or employed loan originators and those not now registered with the Department since the date of the special examination, and comply with all provisions of the Act and Rules.

ORDERED THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 2006

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois;
DEAN MARTINEZ, SECRETARY
D. LORENZO PADRON, DIRECTOR

REYNOLD M. BENJAMIN

Assistant Director, Bureau of Residential Finance, Division
of Banking

You are hereby notified that this Order is an administrative decision. Pursuant to 205 ILCS 635/4-12 and 38 Ill. Adm. Code, 1050.1510 *et seq.* any party may file a request for a hearing on an administrative decision. The request for a hearing shall be filed within 10 days after the receipt of an administrative decision. A hearing shall be held within 30 days after the receipt by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking of a request for a hearing. Absent a request for a hearing, this Order shall constitute a final administrative Order subject to the Administrative Review Law [735 ILCS 5/3-101 *et seq.*].