

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) Order No. 2012-MBR-01
LEADER ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION)
11020 King Street, Ste. 390)
Overland Park, KS 66210)

CONSENT ORDER

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking (“Department”) and Leader One Financial Corporation (“Leader One”) hereby enter into this Consent Order pursuant to the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 (“Act”) [205 ILCS 635] and the rules promulgated thereunder (“Rules”) [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], and stipulate and agree to the following:

STIPULATIONS

The Department and Leader One stipulate that Leader One has held an Illinois residential mortgage license No. MB.6760669 for its company operations since May 28, 2009 and that the license is active and in good standing with the Department. On or around September 26, 2011, the Department opened an investigation into the possibility of whether Leader One was advertising a branch or additional full service office located at 2055 W. Iles Avenue, Unit C, Springfield, Illinois 62704 (“Branch Office”) on its Internet website while the Branch Office application was in “pending status” with the Department; whether the Branch Office was possibly operating prior to the Department approving said license application; and whether a mortgage loan originator (“MLO”) was possibly operating from the Branch Office while the MLO’s license application was in “pending status.” In investigating said licensing matters, the Department further identified certain possible non-compliance matters relating to the entry by

Leader One of applicable Illinois residential mortgage loans into its records and the Anti-Predatory Lending Database (“APLD”) pursuant to the requirements of the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act (“RRPDA”) [765 ILCS 77] and other potential loan origination and MLO licensing violations under the Act and Rules which may have occurred prior to the entry of this Consent Order (each of the aforementioned a potential “Claim” and collectively the “Claims”) Leader One, through its counsel, provided documentation and other information to the Department as part of the investigation. Without the benefit of having being provided the Report of Investigation or any examination results, and without admitting fault of liability, Leader One acknowledges the existence of the potential Claims and otherwise recognizes the uncertainties and expenses associated with the adjudication of those Claims including the costs associated with a hearing, administrative review and/or judicial review. Accordingly, the Department and Leader One hereby agree to the following terms and conditions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Department and Leader One agree as follows:

- I. The aforementioned Stipulations are incorporated herein by reference.
- II. In exchange for the full and complete settlement of the Claims by the Department and a release of Leader One and its past and present employees from any liability from such Claims, Leader One agrees not to file any petition for hearing and administrative review or judicial review of the investigation or this Consent Order.
- III. The Department agrees to promptly process and approve the pending license applications for the Branch Office and MLO if complete or upon completion of any remaining application items and upon Leader One satisfying the payment obligations in Section IV below.

- IV. Leader One agrees to make a payment to the Department of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
- V. The Department agrees that no further discipline or fine shall be taken against Leader One and/or its past and present employees for licensing and non-compliance matters relating to the Claims and as stipulated to in this Consent Order whether found by the Department through regular examination or otherwise; however, this shall not prevent the Department from disciplining or fining Leader One for other findings or determinations of violations of the Act, Rules, and/or RRPDA that are not within the scope of this Consent Order. Other than the Claims, the Department represents and warrants that, as of the effective date of this Consent Order, they have no knowledge of any facts which could serve as a basis for any future disciplinary action against Leader One or its employees or which could serve as a basis to impose a fine against them.
- VI. Leader One agrees to enter any applicable Illinois residential mortgage loans that were identified in the Department's investigation and not already entered into the APLD within 30 days after the effective date of this Consent Order. The Department agrees to assist Leader One in identifying any said loans and providing assistance to Leader One in its access or use of the APLD.
- VII. Leader One acknowledges that it has been represented by outside legal counsel in negotiating this Consent Order and that, without admitting any liability or fault, it willingly enters into this Consent Order after full review, evaluation, and consideration and with full knowledge of its rights under the Act, Rules, and Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100] and so as avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with the adjudication of the Claims including the costs associated with a hearing, administrative review and/or judicial review.

VIII. The Department enters into the Consent Order for the purpose of imposing measures that are fair and equitable in the circumstances and that are consistent with the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois.

IX. The Consent Order shall become effective upon all the parties hereinafter designated signing and dating the Consent Order and on the date that the last of those designated for the Department sign and date the Consent Order.

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

_____ date: _____
Authorized Signer for Leader One Financial Corporation

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BRENT E. ADAMS, SECRETARY
DIVISION OF BANKING

_____ date: **FEBRUARY 21, 2012**
MANUEL FLORES, DIRECTOR