## Terms Complete ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-17-2284

Name(s):	Directors Mortgage, Inc.				
Order Number:	C-17-2284-20	C-17-2284-20-AG01			
<b>Effective Date</b> :	September 30, 2020				
License Number:	NMLS No. 3240				
License Effect:	N/A				
Not Apply Until:	N/A				
Not Eligible Until:	N/A				
Prohibition/Ban Until:	N/A				
<b>Investigation Costs</b>	\$5,000		Paid ⊠ Y □ N	Date 9/29/30	
Fine	\$15,000 (stayed)	Due	Paid N	Date	
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Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid N	Date	
Restitution	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
Financial Literacy and Education	\$	Due	Paid ☐ Y ☐ N	Date	
Cost of Prosecution	\$	Due	Paid N	Date	
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No.: C-17-2284-20-AG01

**CONSENT AGREEMENT** 

Respondent.

COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his designee Lucinda Fazio, Director, Division of Consumer Services, and Directors Mortgage Inc. (Respondent), and finding that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled, agree to the entry of this Consent Agreement. This Consent Agreement is entered pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 31.04, the Consumer Loan Act (Act), and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following:

## **AGREEMENT**

The Department and Respondent have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the Factual Allegations identified in this Consent Agreement. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(7) and RCW 34.05.060, Respondent and the Department agree to entry of this Consent Agreement and further agree that the Factual Allegations set forth below may be economically and efficiently settled by the entry of this Consent Agreement.

Based upon the foregoing:

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:

DIRECTORS MORTGAGE, INC.,

NMLS No. 3240,

- **A. Jurisdiction.** It is AGREED that the Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the activities discussed herein.
- **B.** Waiver of Hearing. It is AGREED that Respondent hereby waives any right it has to a hearing

1	and any and all administrative and judicial review of the issues raised in this matter or the resolution
2	reached herein.
3	C. Factual Allegations. It is AGREED that Respondent understands and acknowledges that this
4	Consent Agreement is intended to resolve the following Factual Allegation by the Department:
5	Between at least September 2016 and November 2017, Respondent employed loan originators who
6	reduced the interest rate offered to borrowers. In some cases, the interest rate reduction may have
7	inappropriately caused Respondent to change the compensation it paid loan originators for
8	originating the loan. During this time, Respondent failed to maintain complete and accurate records
9	documenting loan originator compensation.
10	D. No Admission of Liability. The parties intend this Consent Agreement to fully resolve the
11	Factual Allegations set forth above and agree that Respondent neither admits nor denies any
12	wrongdoing by its entry.
13	E. Cease and Desist. It is AGREED that Respondent will cease and desist from engaging in
14	activity in a manner that is injurious to the public or that violates the Act, including inadequate record
15	keeping.
16	<b>F. Fine</b> ( <b>Stayed</b> ). It is AGREED that Respondent shall pay a fine to the Department in the
17	amount of \$15,000. It is FURTHER AGREED that, contingent upon Respondent's compliance with
18	this Consent Agreement, the entire fine (the "stayed fine") shall be stayed for two years from the date
19	of this Consent Agreement unless lifted pursuant to Paragraph G. If the Department does not seek to
20	lift the stay and impose the stayed fine pursuant to Paragraph G, the stayed fine shall expire without
21	further notice or action by the Department. It is FURTHER AGREED that, if Respondent fails to
22	comply with this Consent Agreement, the Department may lift the stay and impose the \$15,000 fine
23	pursuant to Paragraph G, at which time Respondent shall pay the fine in the form of a cashier's check

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made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer."

## **G. Lifting of Stay and Imposition of Stayed Fine.** It is AGREED that:

- If, during the two-year stay, the Department determines that Respondent has not complied with this Consent Agreement and the Department seeks to lift the stay and impose the stayed fine, the Department will first serve Respondent with a written notice of alleged noncompliance.
- 2. The notice will include:
  - i. A description of the alleged noncompliance;
  - ii. A statement that the Department seeks to lift the stay and impose the stayed fine;
  - iii. Notice that Respondent can contest the notice of alleged noncompliance by either requesting an adjudicative hearing before an administrative law judge(ALJ) from the Office of Administrative Hearings or by submitting a written response to the Department contesting the alleged noncompliance; and
  - iv. Notice that the process for lifting the stay applies only to this Consent Agreement.
- Respondent has 20 days from the date of service of the notice of alleged noncompliance to submit a written request to the Department for an adjudicative hearing.
- 4. The scope and issues of the adjudicative hearing are limited solely to whether or not Respondent is in violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- At the conclusion of the adjudicative hearing, the ALJ will issue an initial decision.
   Any party may file a Petition for Review of that initial decision with the Director of

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- 6. DEFAULT. If Respondent does not timely request an adjudicative hearing or submit a written response contesting the notice of alleged noncompliance, the Department may lift the stay and impose the stayed fine without further notice.
- **H.** Investigation Fee. It is AGREED that Respondent shall pay an investigation fee to the Department in the amount of \$5,000 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" upon delivery of this Consent Agreement to the Department, properly dated and signed.
- I. Records Retention. It is AGREED that Respondent, its officers, employees, and agents shall maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Director with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent's consumer loan business conducted prior to licensure, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- J. Non-Compliance with Agreement. It is AGREED that Respondent understands that failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement may result in further legal action by the Director. In the event of such legal action, Respondent may be responsible to reimburse the Director for the cost incurred in pursuing such action, including but not limited to, attorney fees.
- **K. Voluntarily Entered.** It is AGREED that Respondent has voluntarily entered into this Consent Agreement, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.
- L. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed. It is AGREED that Respondent has read this Consent Agreement in its entirety and fully understands and agrees to all of the same.
- M. Authority to Execute Agreement. It is AGREED that the undersigned authorized representative has represented and warranted that he has the full power and right to execute this

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1	Consent Agreement on behalf of Respondent.					
2	N. Counterparts. This Consent Agreement may be executed by Respondent in any number of					
3	counterparts, including by facsimile or e-mail of a .pdf or similar file, each of which shall be deemed					
4	to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Consent					
5	Agreement.					
6 7	RESPONDENT: Directors Mortgage, Inc. By:					
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10	DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE					
11 12	THIS AGREEMENT ENTERED THIS 30th DAY OF September, 2020.					
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14	LUCINDA FAZIO, Director					
15	Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions					
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17	Presented by:					
18	_/s/					
19	DREW STILLMAN Financial Legal Examiner					
20	Approved by:					
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22	STEVEN C. SHERMAN					
23	Enforcement Chief					
24	CONSENT AGREEMENT 5 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS C-17-2284-20-AG01 Division of Consumer Services					

DIRECTORS MORTGAGE, INC.

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