

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
MERIT FINANCIAL, INC.) No. 2007-MBR-53
ATTN: Sherrie Smith)
13905 NE 128th Street)
Kirkland, WA 98034)

ORDER REVOKING LICENSE

The DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, Division of Banking, (the “Department”), having conducted an examination of the facts related to Merit Financial, Inc., 13905 NE 128th Street, Kirkland, Washington, 98034, (the “Licensee”), and having found that the Licensee committed a violation of the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 [205 ILCS 635] (the “Act”), and of the rules promulgated under the Act [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], (the “Rules”) hereby issues this ORDER pursuant to the authority provided under Section 4-5 of the Act. The Department makes the following:

FINDINGS

1. That Merit Financial, Inc. is an Illinois residential mortgage licensee holding license No. MB.0006682 and located at , 13905 NE 128th Street, Kirkland Washington, 98034;
2. That Merit Financial, Inc., made a written request to the Department of its request to surrender its residential mortgage license;
3. That on August 8, 2006, the Department sent to Merit Financial, Inc., a letter notifying Licensee that further documentation must be provided for the completion of the surrender process;
4. That the Department has received no response to the letter sent to Licensee via U.S. first-class mail service; and
5. That the Licensee has failed to provide the requested information and/or documentation due by the due dates requested by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Notwithstanding notices and other efforts by the Department, Licensee has failed to properly surrender its license in violation of Section 2-6(e) of the Act, including failure to timely respond to a supervisory letter and to correct violations of the Act found in a report of examination, and is in further violation of Sections 4-1(r) and 4-5(i)(17) of the Act.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of MERIT FINANCIAL, INC., License No. MB.0006682 is revoked by Order of the Department pursuant to Section 4-5(h)(1) of the Act for failure to comply with the provisions cited herein of the Act and Rules, effective ten days after receipt of this Order, unless you request a hearing pursuant to the RMLA and Subpart N of the Rules, including remitting the hearing fee required by Section 1050.270 of the Rules.

ORDERED THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2007

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DEAN MARTINEZ, SECRETARY

DIVISION OF BANKING
JORGE A. SOLIS, DIRECTOR

REYNOLD BENJAMIN
Assistant Director, Bureau of Residential Finance

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 and if so requested, a hearing shall be held by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking. 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.*].