

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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**CASTLE MORTGAGE CORP.** ) No. 2024-MB-11  
License No. MB.6760958; NMLS 61382 )  
ATTN: David Kelly, Corporate Counsel )  
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**ORDER REVOKING LICENSE**

The DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF BANKING (“Department”), having reviewed the activities of **CASTLE MORTGAGE CORP.** (“**CASTLE**”), 19800 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 500, Irvine, CA 92612 and making findings under the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 (“Act”) [205 ILCS 635], and the Rules promulgated thereunder (“Rules”) [38 Ill. Adm. Code 1050], hereby issues this **ORDER REVOKING LICENSE**.

**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

1. Section 2-4 of the Act lists prohibited acts and practices for licensees. It is a violation of the Act for a licensee subject to the Act to (d) fail to file with the Secretary any report or reports which it is required to file under any of the provisions of the Act, or (t) fail to comply with the provisions of the Act.
2. Section 2-6 of the Act provides that an Illinois Residential Mortgage License shall be renewed on the common renewal date of the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (“NMLS”) upon a licensee submitting a properly completed renewal application form and paying the appropriate fee. It is the responsibility of each licensee to timely accomplish renewal of its license. A licensee ceasing an activity, or activities regulated by this Act and desiring to no longer be licensed must inform the Department in writing and, at the same time convey the license and all other symbols or indicia of licensure. The licensee must also include a plan for withdrawal from the regulated business, including a timetable for the disposition of the business, and comply with the Department’s surrender guidelines.
3. Section 3-1 of the Act requires that: (c) All licensees shall maintain a bond in accordance with this subsection. Each bond shall be for the recovery of expenses, fines, or fees due to or levied by the Director of the Department’s Division of Banking (“Director”) in accordance with this Act. The bond shall be payable when the licensee fails to comply with

any provisions of this Act and shall be in the form of a surety or licensure bond in the amount and form as prescribed by the Director pursuant to rules and regulations. The bond shall be payable to the Division of Banking and shall be issued by some insurance company authorized to do business in this State. A copy of the bond, including any and all riders and endorsements executed subsequent to the effective date of the bond, shall be placed on file with the Division of Banking within 10 days of the execution thereof.

4. Section 3-2 of the Act requires a licensee to file its most recent audit report, or, for a mortgage broker, unaudited financial statements, with the Director or NMLS within 90 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year.
5. Section 4-5 of the Act provides that when the Department finds any person in violation of the grounds set forth in subsection (i), the Department may enter an order revoking a license as authorized by subsection (h)(1). A licensee violates Section 4-5(i) of the Act due to (11) failure to comply with any order of the Director or rule made or issued under the provisions of the Act; and (17) failure to comply with or violation of any provision of the Act.
6. Section 4-8.3 of the Act requires that on or before March 1 of each year or the date selected for Mortgage Call Reports under Section 4-9.1 of the Act, each licensee shall file a report with the Secretary that discloses such information as the Secretary requires. A licensee filing a Mortgage Call Report is not required to file an annual report.
7. Section 1050.490 of the Rules requires each licensee to submit to the Department a current surety bond in the required amount for the term of the license.
8. Section 1050.1175 of the Rules requires a licensee engaged in loan brokerage or loan origination to maintain a Loan Log for each residential mortgage loan application.

### **FACTUAL FINDINGS**

9. CASTLE is a residential mortgage licensee holding License No. MB.6760958 ("License").
10. On February 22, 2024, the Department notified CASTLE by email to file its second half 2023 Default and Foreclosure ("Report") on or before April 1, 2024. CASTLE failed to file the Report.
11. Rather than filing the Report, on March 12, 2024, CASTLE communicated to the Department via the NMLS an intent to surrender its license.
12. Despite several attempts by the Department to communicate with CASTLE regarding the outstanding licensure items that needed to be satisfied, completed, and filed in order to complete its license surrender, CASTLE failed to respond.
13. CASTLE also failed to file its 2024 Mortgage Call Report for Q1 and Q2.
14. CASTLE failed to surrender its license.

15. CASTLE failed to maintain its surety bond, which was cancelled on April 28, 2024.
16. CASTLE failed to renew its license for the year 2023.

### LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

17. The Department finds CASTLE failed to comply with renewal requirements or properly surrender its license as required by the Act.
18. The Department finds CASTLE in violation of Sections 2-4(d) & (t), 2-6, 3-1, 3-2, 4-5(i) (11) & (17), and 4-8.3 of the Act and Sections 1050.490 and 1050.1175 of the Rules.

### NOW IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT,

The Department **REVOKES CASTLE MORTGAGE CORP.’S** Illinois Residential Mortgage License No. MB. 6760958 pursuant to Section 4-5(h)(1) of the Act.

ORDERED THIS DAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OF OCTOBER 2024

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF BANKING



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SUSANA SORIANO  
ACTING DIRECTOR

**You are hereby notified that this Order is an administrative decision. Pursuant to Section 4-12 of the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act [205 ILCS 635/4-12] and the rules promulgated thereunder on Hearings Before the Division of Banking and Division of Financial Institutions [38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.5 *et seq.*], an affected party may file a petition for a hearing on an administrative decision by the Director. The petition for a hearing must be filed within 10 days after service of this Order by mail to the Department at 555 W. Monroe St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60661, Attn: Angela Alexandrakis with an electronic copy by email to [Angela.Alexandrakis@illinois.gov](mailto:Angela.Alexandrakis@illinois.gov) and [fpr.doblelegal@illinois.gov](mailto:fpr.doblelegal@illinois.gov). The petition for hearing must be in writing and set forth the petitioner’s license number, docket number of the administrative decision that resulted in discipline, and date of the administrative decision, pursuant to 38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.30(c). Each party that requests a hearing shall pay a \$500 nonrefundable fee to the Department in accordance with 38 Ill. Adm. Code 100.20. After receipt of a properly completed and timely petition for hearing, a case will be**

**docketed and notice sent to the petitioner setting forth the date, time, and place of the hearing. Absent a petition for a hearing, this Order shall constitute a final administrative decision subject to the Administrative Review Law [735 ILCS 5/3-101 *et seq.*].**