# DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SECURITIES FINANCE SECTION

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES STATE OF OREGON

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FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT -REVOCATION OF MORTGAGE BANKER/BROKER LICENSE AND IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES

Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc., Dan Nettleton, and Rick Goodwin

c/o Scott Caplan

DAN NETTLETON AND

RICK GOODWIN

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LIFESTYLE MORTGAGE GROUP INC...

Notice of Intent to Revoke Mortgage Banker/Broker License and to Impose Civil Penalties were served upon Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc., Dan Nettleton, and Rick Goodwin by certified mail. Dan Nettleton and Rick Goodwin each signed for their certified mail on October 28, 2000. The certified mail for Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. was signed for on October 30, 2000. This notice alleged that (1) Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc.'s application for a license is currently incomplete, (2) that the most recent application for a mortgage banker/broker license filed by Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. contained false information; (3) that Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. engaged in unlicensed Oregon residential mortgage activity between June 9, 2000 and July 25, 2000; (4) that Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. failed to response to a request for information sent by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (hereinafter "Director"); (5) that Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. failed to appear to give testimony on September 13, 2000 at 9 a.m. in response to a subpoena issued by the

On October 27, 2000, certified true copies of a Cease and Desist Order and a

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Director; and (6) that Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. is insolvent. The Notice further granted to Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc., Dan Nettleton, and Rick Goodwin an opportunity for hearing, if requested within 21 days of service of the Notice. No such request for hearing has been received by the Director. The Notice designated the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities' file on this matter as the record for purposes of default.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of the records and files of the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities relating to this matter, the Director enters the following Order.

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc., an Oregon corporation formed on May 1, 1998, engages in Oregon residential mortgage transactions. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. is owned by Dan Nettleton, who owns 60% of the company, and Rick Goodwin, who owns the remaining 40%. On June 23, 1998, the Director issued a mortgage lender license to Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.
- 2. On May 11, 2000, the Director received a notice of surety bond cancellation for Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s surety bond and mailed notice to Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. that unless a replacement bond or reinstatement was received by June 9, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s license would be cancelled. When the Division had not received a replacement bond or reinstatement on June 20, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s license was cancelled retroactively to June 9, 2000.
- 3. On July 21, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. filed with the Director an application for a new license that was accompanied by the licensing fee of \$500 in the form of check number 1734 payable to the State of Oregon drawn on Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s Bank of America account number 32307038028869. On August 7, 2000, the Director received notice that the check had been returned by the bank for insufficient

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funds. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. has not provided any other payment for the July 2000 application's licensing fee than check number 1734.

- 4. On July 21, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. filed with the Director an application for a new license. As part of the application, Dan Nettleton, the 60% owner and experienced person for Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc., completed a Section 5 Owner/Control Person Information. The Section 5 contains five questions answered for and signed by Dan Nettleton on June 15, 2000 just below the statement "I certify that the information provided in this application is current, accurate, and complete." If the answer to any question is "yes," a brief statement must be attached containing the case name, case number, and a brief description of the allegations. The final question is "In the 10 years immediately preceding the date of this application, have you filed or declared bankruptcy?" Like the other four questions, that question was marked "No" on Dan Nettleton's Section 5. In addition to the "No" answer, the application did not contain any case name, number or brief description of any allegations.
- 5. The Director reviews the circumstances of any event that causes a "yes" answer on an application before approval to determine if licensing is appropriate.
- 6. On January 6, 2000, Dan Nettleton and Cynthia Nettleton filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy in case number 00-30108 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon. A search of the records indicates that a dba of Life Style Mortgage Group does appear in reference to the bankruptcy filing.
- 7. On July 25, 2000, the Director issued a license to Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. based upon the July 21, 2000 application, but Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. was not licensed between June 6, 2000 and July 25, 2000.
- 8. On July 20, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. contacted an appraiser about providing additional services on an Oregon residential mortgage transaction.
  - 9. Between June 9, 2000 and July 25, 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.

ordered credit reports including multiple orders placed by Dan Nettleton and Rick Goodwin.

10. Between June 9, 2000 and July 25, 2000, while Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. did not have a license, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. submitted at least four loans to a lender for funding. The lender's records indicate that the applications were taken after the first license was cancelled but before the second license was issued. At least two of the loans funded before the second license was issued.

11.On July 21, 2000, the Director, pursuant to the powers granted under ORS 59.885(2) to the Director to conduct investigations, sent a request by certified mail that Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. provide by August 7, 2000 at 5 p.m. a list of Oregon residential mortgage transactions originated on or after June 9, 2000. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. received the letter on July 25, 2000. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. did not produce any records pursuant to that request and the company did not provide any reason for failing to comply.

12.On August 14, 2000, the Director, pursuant to the powers granted ORS 59.885(2) to the Director to conduct investigations and ORS 59.915 to subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence and require the production of documents, sent a subpoena to Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. by certified and first class mail requiring that Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. appear to give testimony and produce documents on September 13, 2000 at 9 a.m. The subpoena was received on August 15, 2000.

13. On September 12, 2000, Dan Nettleton left a voicemail message for the Director's compliance officer, Kirsten Jepsen, indicating that he would be out of state on the day of the appearance but would make other arrangements. Dan Nettleton did not make other arrangements, nor did he return any messages left for him regarding the subpoena. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. failed to appear on September 13, 2000 and

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failed to produce the records requested in the subpoena.

- 14. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s check for the \$500 licensing fee and several checks to a credit reporting agency were not honored due to insufficient funds.
- 15. On July 21, 2000, the Director received a call from an appraiser who had not been paid by Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. for services rendered.
- 16. On August 7, 2000, the Director received a call from a credit reporting service that indicated that it had not been paid for credit reports ordered by Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.
- 17. On August 3, 2000, a former employee of Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. called to report that payroll for the company had been late a couple of times, that the company had not paid the loan officer in full, that checks written by Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. on their operating account had been returned for insufficient funds and that Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. laid off the operations manager for financial reasons.
- 18. On August 3, 2000, another employee reported having to present a paycheck at the bank several times before the bank finally indicated that there were sufficient funds for payment. The employee also reported receiving payroll checks written on Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s client trust account.

#### **ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT**

- Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. engaged in Oregon residential mortgage transactions while not licensed between June 9, 2000 and July 25, 2000.
- Because Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s check for the filing fee submitted with July 21, 2000 application was drawn on an account with insufficient funds, the application submitted by Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. was incomplete in a material respect as of the date that it was submitted.
- 3. Because Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. has not replaced the check with sufficient funds for the licensing fee, the application submitted by Lifestyle Mortgage Group,

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Inc. was incomplete in a material respect as of this date.

- 4. Because the Section 5 completed by Dan Nettleton indicated that he had not filed for bankruptcy in the past 10 years even though he filed for bankruptcy in January 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. filed a document with the Director a document that was known to be false in a material respect or matter.
- 5. Because the Section 5 completed by Dan Nettleton indicated that he had not filed for bankruptcy in the past 10 years even though he filed for bankruptcy in January 2000, Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. filed an application which contained a statement that was, in light of the circumstances in which it was made, false or misleading with respect to any material fact.
- Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. failed to produce records required by the Director in response to the written request made on July 21, 2000 and the subpoena which required appearance and production on September 13, 2000 at 9 a.m.
- 7. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc. is either insolvent or is in such a financial condition that the company cannot continue with safety to customers.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- Lifestyle Mortgage Group Inc. engaged in Oregon residential mortgage transactions while unlicensed in violation of ORS 59.845(1).
- 2. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s filing of a document which was known to be false in a material respect or matter is a violation of ORS 59.930(4).
- 3. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s submission of an application that was incomplete in a material respect as of the date that it was submitted constitutes grounds for revocation of the license pursuant to ORS 59.865(5).
- 4. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s submission of an application that remains incomplete as of this date constitutes grounds for revocation of the license pursuant to ORS 59.865(5).

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- 5. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s failure to produce records required by the Director constitutes grounds to revoke the license pursuant to ORS 59.865(11).
- 6. Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.'s insolvency or unsafe financial condition constitutes grounds to revoke the license pursuant to ORS 59.865(1).

### **ORDER**

The Director, pursuant to ORS 59.865, hereby **REVOKES** the mortgage banker/broker license issued to Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc.

In addition, the Director, pursuant to ORS 59.996, hereby **ORDERS** Lifestyle Mortgage Group, Inc., Dan Nettleton and Rick Goodwin to pay the State of Oregon a civil penalty of \$6,300.00. This penalty is based upon (1) \$5000.00 for knowingly conducting unlicensed activity, \$200 for funding two loans while unlicensed (\$100 per loan) and \$100.00 for taking two loan applications that did not fund prior to licensing (\$50 per application) for a total of \$5,300.00 for unlicensed activity violations and (2) \$1,000.00 for filing a false document with the Director.

Dated this 12 day of Nordon, 2000.

Richard M. Nockleby, Administrator
Division of Finance and Corporate Securities

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this Order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482 to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

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