

3. FGMC is licensed as a mortgage lender under the Mortgage Licensing Act with license number 20768 and a Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS) identification number of 2917.

4. FGMC maintains its principal place of business at 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 500, McLean, Virginia 22102-3823.

5. FGMC cooperated fully with the investigation and provided all the necessary information requested in a timely fashion to the Department.

Unlicensed Mortgage Originators

6. The Mortgage Licensing Act provides, in relevant part, that “. . . on and after the effective date of this section [November 5, 2008], no person shall engage in the mortgage loan business in this Commonwealth without being licensed as a . . . mortgage originator as provided under this chapter. A mortgage originator may not engage in the mortgage loan business unless the mortgage originator is employed and supervised by a licensed mortgage broker, mortgage lender or mortgage loan correspondent. . .” 7 Pa. C.S. § 6111(a).

7. Beginning on March 22, 2010, the Bureau conducted an investigation leading it to conclude that FGMC had accepted and funded mortgages from mortgage originators that were unlicensed to perform such services.

8. The Bureau believes that FGMC closed and funded twenty-four loans originated by unlicensed mortgage originators, who were employed by licensed entities other than FGMC, for the period beginning November 5, 2008 through October 27, 2009 based on a loan log obtained from FGMC pursuant to the Bureau's investigation.

9. It is the conclusion of the Bureau that the mortgage loans closed and funded by FGMC subsequent to November 5, 2008, originated by unlicensed individuals employed by other licensed entities, are in violation of the Mortgage Licensing Act.

10. Further, the Bureau believes that FGMC originated fourteen additional loans for the period beginning November 5, 2008 through September 9, 2009 through unlicensed loan originators it employed based on the loan log obtained by the Bureau from FGMC.

11. It is the conclusion of the Bureau that the mortgage loan applications originated by FGMC subsequent to November 5, 2008 through unlicensed individuals it employed are in violation of the Mortgage Licensing Act.

12. FGMC is required to directly supervise, control and maintain responsibility for the acts and omissions of the mortgage originators it employs. 7 Pa. C.S. § 6131(f)(1).

13. It is the conclusion of the Bureau that FGMC failed to employ only licensed mortgage loan originators, and failed to directly supervise, control and maintain responsibility for the acts and omissions of the mortgage originators it employed as required by the Mortgage Licensing Act.

14. FGMC stated that at all times it believed it was properly funding and processing mortgage loans.

15. FGMC has informed the Department that it has instituted internal control measures which will ensure that all loans funded by FGMC will be originated by persons properly licensed to originate mortgages in Pennsylvania.

Authority of the Department

16. Section 6138(a)(4) of the Mortgage Licensing Act grants the Department broad authority to issue orders for the proper conduct of the mortgage licensing business and the enforcement of the Mortgage Licensing Act. 7 Pa. C.S. § 6138(a)(4).

17. Section 6139 of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides that the Department may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license issued under the Mortgage Licensing Act if an owner has “failed to comply with or violated any provision of this chapter. . . ” and if “a mortgage broker, mortgage lender or mortgage loan correspondent, conducted the mortgage loan business through an unlicensed mortgage originator.” 7 Pa. C.S. § 6139(a)(2) and (a)(14).

18. Section 6140(b) of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides, in relevant part, that “[a] person licensed under this chapter or director, officer, owner, partner, employee or agent of a licensee who violates a provision of this chapter or who commits any action which would subject the licensee to suspension, revocation or nonrenewal under section 6139 may be fined by the department up to \$10,000 for each offense.” 7 Pa. C.S. § 6140(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

19. The Bureau believes FGMC violated the Mortgage Licensing Act when it continued to conduct and accept mortgage loan business through unlicensed mortgage originators after November 5, 2008.

20. FGMC denies any wrongdoing.

RELIEF

21. Fine. FGMC, to avoid litigation and without admitting wrongdoing, agrees to pay a fine of \$6,500.00 which shall be due and payable to the Department within 30 days of the effective date of this order as defined in paragraph 28. The fine payment shall be remitted by a certified check or money order made payable to the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and

sent to the attention of Licensing Division, Bureau of Compliance, Investigation and Licensing, 17 N. Second Street, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

22. Corrective Measures. Upon the effective date of this Order, FGMC shall cease and desist from conducting the mortgage loan business through unlicensed mortgage originators in accordance with the requirements of the Mortgage Licensing Act.

FURTHER PROVISIONS

23. Consent. FGMC hereby knowingly, willingly, voluntarily and irrevocably consents to the entry of this Order issued pursuant to the Bureau's order authority under the Mortgage Licensing Act and agrees that it understands all of the terms and conditions contained herein. FGMC, by voluntarily entering into this Order, waives any right to a hearing or appeal concerning the terms, conditions and/or penalties set forth in this Order.

24. Publication. The Department will publish this Order pursuant to its authority in Section 302.A.(5) of the Department of Banking Code. 71 P.S. § 733-302.A.(5)

25. Entire Agreement. This Order contains the whole agreement between the parties. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements, conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this Order. This Order may be amended in writing by mutual agreement by the Bureau and FGMC.

26. Binding Nature. The Department, FGMC and all officers, owners, directors, employees, heirs and assigns of FGMC intend to be and are legally bound by the terms of this Order.

27. Counsel. This Order is entered into by parties upon full opportunity for legal advice from legal counsel.

28. Effectiveness. FGMC hereby stipulates and agrees that the Order shall become effective on the date the Bureau executes the Order.

29. Other Enforcement Action.

a. The Department reserves all of its rights, duties, and authority to enforce all statutes, rules and regulations under its jurisdiction against FGMC, in the future regarding all matters not resolved by this Order.

b. FGMC acknowledges and agrees that this Order is only binding upon the Department and not other local, state or federal agency, department or office regarding matters within this Order.

30. Authorization. The parties below are authorized to execute this Order and legally bind their respective parties.

31. Counterparts. This order may be executed in separate counterparts and by facsimile or electronic mail in portable document format "pdf."

32. Titles. The titles used to identify the paragraphs of this document are for the convenience of reference only and do not control the interpretation of this document.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, including the recital paragraphs, the Department and FGMC intending to be legally bound, do hereby execute this Consent Agreement and Order.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING, BUREAU OF
COMPLIANCE, INVESTIGATION AND LICENSING**

Robert E. Knaub, Enforcement Administrator
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