STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:

No.: C-09-233-10-CO01

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

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COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. (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 Order. This Consent Order is entered pursuant to chapter 31.04 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and

13 | RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following:

### AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services (Department) and Respondent have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Temporary Order to Cease and Desist and Summary Suspension of License No. C-09-233-09-TD01 (Temporary Order to Cease and Desist), entered August 7, 2009, (copy attached hereto). Pursuant to chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan Act (Act) and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent hereby agrees to the Department's entry of this Consent Order and further agrees that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled by entry of this Consent Order. The parties intend this Consent Order to fully resolve the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist.

Based upon the foregoing:

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CONSENT ORDER C-09-233-10-C001 Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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- 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 has been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and hereby waives its right to a hearing and any and all administrative and judicial review of the issues raised in this matter, or of the resolution reached herein. Accordingly, Respondent, by the signature of its representative below, withdraws its appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- C. Activity Since Issuance of Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. Respondent represents and warrants that it has not made any loans involving borrowers or real property located in the State of Washington since the Department issued the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. Respondent represents and warrants that it is not currently servicing any residential mortgage loans involving borrowers or real property located in the State of Washington.
- D. Consumer Loan Company License Revocation. It is AGREED that Respondent's licenses to conduct the business of a consumer loan company, including all branch office licenses, are revoked, effective upon entry of this Consent Order.
- E. Agreement to Cease and Desist. It is AGREED that Respondent shall permanently cease and desist from any activity requiring a consumer loan company license from the Department, including but not limited to making loans or servicing residential mortgage loans or both involving borrowers or real property located in the State of Washington.
- F. **Rights of Non-Parties.** It is AGREED that the Department does not represent or have the consent of any person or entity not a party to this Consent Order to take any action concerning their personal legal rights. It is further AGREED that for any person or entity not a party to this Consent

Order, this Consent Order does not limit or create any private rights or remedies against Respondent, limit or create liability of Respondent, or limit or create defenses of Respondent to any claims.

- G. 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 company business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- H. Authority to Execute Order. It is AGREED that the undersigned represents and warrants that he has the full power and right to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the party represented.
- I. Non-Compliance with Order. It is AGREED that Respondent understands that failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may result in further legal action by the Director.
- J. Voluntarily Entered. It is AGREED that Respondent has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.
- K. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed. It is AGREED that Respondent has read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understands and agrees to all of the same.

CONSENT ORDER C-09-233-10-CO01 Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.

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2	Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. By:
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TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

Respondent.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.

COMES NOW the Director of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (Director), by and through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services (designee), and finding that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order, enters this temporary order to cease and desist and summary suspension of license pursuant to chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan Act (Act), based on the following findings:

#### I. FACTUAL FINDINGS

- 1.1 Respondent Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. (Respondent) is located at 315 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34470. Respondent is licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a consumer loan company and holds five additional branch office consumer loan licenses issued by the Department.
- 1.2 On August 4, 2009, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a news release stating:

"The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) today suspended [Respondent]...thereby preventing [Respondent] from originating and underwriting new FHA-insured mortgages. The Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) is also defaulting and terminating [Respondent] as an issuer in its Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) program and is ending [Respondent's] ability to continue to service Ginnie Mae securities....FHA and Ginnie Mae are imposing these actions because [Respondent] failed to submit a required annual financial report and misrepresented that there were no unresolved issues with its independent auditor even though the auditor ceased its financial examination after discovering certain irregular transactions that raised concerns of fraud. FHA's suspension is also based on [Respondent's] failure to disclose, and its false certifications concealing, that it was the subject of two examinations into its business practices last year...."

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TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

1.3 On August 5, 2009, Respondent issued a press release stating:

"[RESPONDENT] MUST CEASE ALL ORIGINATION OPERATIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY [Respondent] received notification on August 4, 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae (the 'Agencies') that it was being terminated and/or suspended as an approved seller and/or servicer for each of these respective federal agencies....As a result of these actions, [Respondent] must cease all origination operations effective immediately. Regrettably, [Respondent] will not be able to close or fund any mortgage loans currently pending in its pipeline...."

- 1.4 On August 6, 2009, representatives from the Department and representatives of other State regulators participated in a telephone conference call with Jeff Cavender, General Counsel of Respondent, to discuss the current financial condition of Respondent. Mr. Cavender stated that as of August 5, 2009, Respondent had ceased all origination, processing, and underwriting operations, Respondent had terminated all non-essential employees, and Respondent would not be funding any more loans including loans that had been closed but not funded. Following this conference call, Respondent provided the Department with a pipeline report listing 1,008 loans totaling approximately \$214 million, including 44 loans secured by real property located in the State of Washington and totaling approximately \$10.9 million, that had been "closed" by closing agents but had not and would not be funded. This pipeline report did not include all pending loans at earlier stages in the lending process, such as applications received or commitments issued.
- 1.5 Substantial Injury to the Public. Respondent is in such financial condition that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order.

#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Violations of the Act. Based on the Factual Findings set forth in Section I above, Respondent is in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(2) for directly or indirectly engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person.
- 2.2 Violations Affect the Public Interest. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.208, the legislature found that any violation of the Act is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and is an unfair and deceptive act or practice and unfair method of competition in the conduct of trade or commerce in violation of RCW 19.86.020 of the Consumer Protection Act.

2.3 Requirement to Retain Records. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.155, Respondent is required to preserve the books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information relevant to a loan for at least twenty-five months after making the final entry on any loan, and to allow the Department free access to such books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information wherever located.

#### III. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

#### 3.1 Authority to Issue Temporary Order to Cease and Desist.

- Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(5), the director may issue an order directing the licensee, A. its employee or loan originator, or other person subject to the Act to cease and desist from conducting business in a manner that is injurious to the public or violates any provision of the Act; and take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with the Act.
- B. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.165(2), if it appears to the director that a licensee is conducting business in an injurious manner or is violating any provision of the Act, the director may order or direct the discontinuance of any such injurious or illegal practice. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.165(3), "conducting business in an injurious manner" means conducting business in a manner that violates any provision of the Act, or that creates the reasonable likelihood of a violation of any provision of the Act.
- C. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(7), whenever the Director determines that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order, the director may immediately issue a temporary cease and desist order. The order may direct the licensee to discontinue any violation of the Act, to take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with the Act, and may include a summary suspension of the licensee's license and may order the licensee to immediately cease the conduct of business under the Act. The order shall become effective at the time specified in the order.

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TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST C-09-233-09-TD01
Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.

Based on the above Factual Findings, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Issue Temporary Order to Cease and Desist, and pursuant to RCW 31.04.093 and RCW 31.04.165, the Director determines that the public is likely to be substantially harmed by a delay in entering a cease and desist order. Therefore, the Director ORDERS that:

- 4.1 Respondent's licenses to conduct the business of a consumer loan company, including all branch office licenses, are summarily suspended.
- 4.2 Respondent shall immediately cease and desist accepting, from either consumers, mortgage brokers, or other consumer lenders, any applications for loans from Washington Consumers or secured by Washington real property. For the purposes of this Order, "Washington Consumers" shall include Washington residents and persons that have submitted applications for loans which are, or are intended to be, secured by Washington real property.
- 4.3 Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from advertising its consumer loan business in Washington or to Washington Consumers.
- 4.4 Respondent shall immediately notify, in writing, all Washington Consumer applicants or the applicant's broker of the status of all loan applications and loans pending with Respondent and the likelihood of funding. Respondent shall make all reasonable efforts to assist Washington Consumers by placing all pending loan applications and loans with other lenders.
- 4.5 Respondent shall immediately provide the Department with contact information, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if available), for all Washington Consumers with loan applications or loans pending with Respondent. Respondent shall provide the Department with a weekly update of the status of all pending loan applications and loans for Washington Consumers until all such pending loan applications and loans have been placed with other lenders or withdrawn by the applicants. This contact information and weekly update shall be sent to James R. Brusselback, Program Manager and Enforcement Chief, Consumer Services Division, at jbrusselback@dfi.wa.gov.

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#### **NOTICE**

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31.04 RCW, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF REQUEST TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS ORDER SHALL BECOME PERMANENT. IF YOU DESIRE A HEARING, THEN YOU MUST RETURN THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING FORM SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS OF THE DATE THAT THIS ORDER WAS SERVED ON YOU WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING. SERVICE ON YOU IS DEFINED AS POSTING IN THE U.S. MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO YOUR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS. BE ADVISED THAT DEFAULT WILL RESULT IN THIS ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST BECOMING PERMANENT ON THE TWENTY-FIRST (21ST) DAY FOLLOWING SERVICE OF THIS ORDER UPON YOU.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_day of August, 2009



DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

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TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER

MORTGAGE CORP.

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Respondent.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist has been filed by the Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file an application for an adjudicative hearing before the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions to contest the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU. Service on you is deemed complete upon posting in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to your last known address. If you demand a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing date.

At the hearing, you may appear personally, and by counsel, if you desire. The hearing will be as informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). The hearing will be recorded. The primary concern will be getting to the truth of the matter insofar as the Temporary Order is concerned. Technical rules of evidence will not be binding at the hearing except for the rules of privilege recognized by law. You have the right to present evidence and witnesses in your own behalf, and to crossexamine those witnesses presented in support of the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. You may require the attendance of witnesses by subpoena. If you are limited English-speaking or hearing impaired, you have the right to have an interpreter appointed at no cost to you, as discussed below.

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INTERPRETER AVAILABILITY. If you or a witness for you is a person who, because of non-English-speaking cultural background, cannot readily speak or understand the English language, or if you or a witness for you is a person who, because of a hearing impairment or speech defect, cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken language, including persons who are deaf, deaf and blind, or hard of hearing, AND YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER, then a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you or to the witness. You may request the appointment of a qualified interpreter by indicating your request on the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing form.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Department of Financial Institutions does not <u>RECEIVE</u> the Application for Adjudicative Hearing form within twenty (20) days from the date this notice was served on you, this will constitute a waiver of your right to a hearing and the Director will find that you do not contest the allegations of the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. Upon such a finding by the Director, a permanent Order to Cease and Desist will be immediately entered disposing of this matter as described in the Temporary Order to Cease and Desist. If you desire a hearing in this matter, please return the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing to:

Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services Attn: Fatima Batie PO Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

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Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

DEBORAH BORTNER

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