

**STATE OF IOWA
BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Complaint No. 05-116
)	
Robert Michael Ceretti)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
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APPLICANT)	
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The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and Robert Michael Ceretti (Applicant) enter into this Consent Agreement (Agreement) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10, 272C.3(4), and 543B.19 (2005).

1. The parties acknowledge the following:

- (A) On or about July 19, 2005, the Applicant submitted a Waiver for Completing Criminal History Background Checks to the Commission so that the criminal history check required by Iowa Code 543B.8(1) as amended by H.F. 320, 2005 Iowa Acts, could be completed. On the waiver form, the Applicant answered question 1 by stating that he had never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense.

- (B) On or about August 30, 2005, the Applicant submitted an application to the Commission for a new Iowa real estate salesperson license. On the Application form, the Applicant answered question 10a by stating that he had been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense.

- (C) The criminal history checks conducted by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to Iowa Code 543B8(1) as amended by H.F. 320, 2005 Iowa Acts, established that the Applicant failed to accurately disclose his criminal history as requested by question 1 on the waiver form.

- (D) The Applicant does not contest that he failed to accurately disclose his criminal history as requested by question 1 on the waiver form.

- (E) A person who makes a false statement of material fact on an application for an Iowa real estate salesperson license may be denied a license by the Commission solely on the grounds of the false statement. See Iowa Code § 543B.15(5) (2005).
- (F) Truthful and complete disclosure of one's criminal history is essential to the Commission's determination of whether an applicant meets all requirements for obtaining an Iowa real estate salesperson license. See Iowa Code § 543.15(3) (2005). The Applicant's failure to accurately disclose his criminal history constitutes a false statement of material fact upon which the Commission may deny his license application.
- (G) The Applicant's criminal history as of the date of his license application would not have otherwise disqualified the Applicant from obtaining a real estate salesperson license had he accurately disclosed that history as requested by question 1 on the waiver form.

2. In recognition of the material false statements submitted to the Commission as detailed above in subparagraphs 1-D and 1-F, the Applicant voluntarily agrees that as a condition for receiving a new Iowa real estate salesperson license, the Applicant shall within 30 days of the Commission's approval of this Agreement pay to the Commission a civil monetary penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and submit an amended real estate salesperson license application to the Commission that correctly states his criminal history. Failure to timely submit the agreed upon civil penalty and corrected application shall result in the denial of the Applicant's license application.

3. Upon the Applicant's timely submission of the corrected license application and the civil monetary penalty required by paragraph two of this Agreement, the Applicant shall be granted a new real estate salesperson license provided he demonstrates that all other licensing requirements have been met. Should the Commission find that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate his eligibility to hold a real estate salesperson license any civil monetary remitted to the Commission pursuant to this Agreement shall be returned to the Applicant.

4. By entering into this Agreement, the Applicant acknowledges and voluntarily waives his right to adjudicate the merits of his pending application for a new real estate salesperson license through the commencement of a contested case proceeding before the Commission, and all rights attendant to a contested case proceeding including the right to seek judicial review of the Commission's actions.

5. This Agreement shall be made a part of the record of the Applicant and may be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed on the Respondent for any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate.

6. This Agreement shall be presented to the Commission in closed session by the prosecuting attorney and/or Commission staff. The Applicant waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right which the Applicant might have to participate in the discussion of this Agreement among the Commission, the Commission staff and the prosecuting attorney.

7. The Applicant voluntarily submits this Agreement to the Commission for its consideration. This Agreement is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members. If the Commission fails to approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party.

8. This Agreement shall be public record. The Applicant further agrees to fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Consent Agreement are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Applicant.



Applicant

Jim Hughes, Chairperson
Iowa Real Estate Commission

12-15-05
Date

JANUARY 12, 2006
Date