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BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

STATE OF NEVADA

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

VS.

ERNEST T. HERNANDEZ,

Respondent.

Case No. 2018-1475

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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division") hereby notifies ERNEST T. HERNANDEZ ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if the RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NAC 645.695, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven.

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT, at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, was licensed by the Division as a broker and holds a property management permit from the Division. He is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. RESPONDENT was licensed by the Division as a broker under license number B.0020815.INDV, issued on September 6, 2006, said license being in "active" status at the time of filing this Complaint.

- On October 23, 2018, the Division sent RESPONDENT a letter stating that RESPONDENT had failed to submit his Affidavit In Lieu of Form 546A (as required by NAC 645.806(3)) (hereinafter the "Affidavit") and fined RESPONDENT in the amount of \$250.00 (the "Fine") for failing to do so, and requested that the Fine and Affidavit be submitted to the Division by November 26, 2018.
 - 4. RESPONDENT never appealed the Division's issuance of the Fine.
 - 5. On December 27, 2018, the chief compliance/audit investigator for the Division emailed RESPONDENT stating the Division had not received the Fine nor RESPONDENT's Affidavit, and that if the Division did not receive them, it would be filing a Complaint for a hearing before the Nevada Real Estate Commission.
 - 6. The Division never received RESPONDENT's Affidavit, the Fine, nor received any response from RESPONDENT.

VIOLATIONS

7. RESPONDENT violated NAC 645.806(3), by failing to submit his Affidavit In Lieu of Form 546A to the Division.

DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 1. Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine of up to \$10,000 per violation against RESPONDENT and further to suspend, revoke or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.
- 2. Additionally, under NRS Chapter 622, the Commission is authorized to impose costs of the proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.
- 3. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider this Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENTS in accordance with Chapters 233B and 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting scheduled for December 7-9, 2020, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, or until such time as the Commission concludes its business.

If the Governor's Emergency Directive 006 - suspending physical location requirements - is extended through the date of the meeting, then the hearing will be held via virtual meeting. The Commission uses WebEx for its meetings. To join the hearing go to the Webex.com website and put in the Access code and Attendee ID:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 916 9796

Password (Attendee ID): WyHprMwH856 (99477694856 from phones and video systems)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 591 3821

Password (Attendee ID): 22PeReJYYD2 (22737359932 from phones and video systems)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 716 3477

Password (Attendee ID): j4PSmxc3br7 (54776923277 from phones and video systems)

If you do not have internet access, you may attend by phone at 1-844-621-3956 using the access codes and attendee IDs listed above. Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric attendee ID provided above. If Emergency Directive 006 is not extended and the meeting is held in person, then the meeting will be located at the following locations:

Nevada State Business Center Real Estate Division 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 Las Vegas, NV 89102

If you would like an email containing this information, before the hearing, please contact Evelyn Pattee, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074 or epattec@red.nv.gov.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and

arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

As the Respondent, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.875.

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1 The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the Respondent has violated NRS 645 and/or NAC 2 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented and 3 to further determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT, if any, 4 pursuant to NRS 645.235, 645.633 and or 645.630. 5 DATED this 3rd day of November, 2020. 6 State of Nevada Department of Bysiness and Industry 7 Real Estate Division 8 9 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 10 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 11 AARON D. FORD 12 Attorney General 13 By: Is/ Karissa Neff 14 KARISSA D. NEFF (Bar. No. 9133) 15 Deputy Attorney General 555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 17 (702) 486-3894 Attorneys for Real Estate Division 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28