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1 **REAL ESTATE AGENCY** 2 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 3 In the Matter of the Unlicensed Professional 4 5 Real Estate Activity of 6 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER AND ORDER SAMUEL S. FUNG 7 TO CEASE AND DESIST 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Samuel S. Fung (Fung) do hereby agree 11 and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 & 14 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 15 1. 16 Fung previously held real estate licenses in Oregon between 2002 and 2012. On 17 June 8, 2012, Fung's principal broker license was revoked. Since the revocation of Fung's 18 license, Fung has not been licensed to conduct professional real estate activity in Oregon. 19 1.2 The Agency received an anonymous complaint with a commercial real estate 20 advertisement from Loopnet. In the advertisement, Sam Fung of CW Tower Industries, LTD, 21 offered a commercial building located at 523 Rossanley Dr., Medford Oregon for sale. The 22 Agency opened an investigation. 23 1.3 Oregon Secretary of State website showed CW Tower Industries, LTD (CW 24 Tower) as an active business with Rob Brenneman (Brenneman) listed as company president 25 listed and Bob Robertson (Robertson) as the registered agent. 26 1.4 Fung described himself as retired, but also was a full time employee of CW 27 Tower. 28 1.5 Fung's profile in the broker directory on Loopnet.com (commercial real estate 29 advertising medium), noted his education and extensive experience in real estate and 30 identified his professional specialty as "investment sale broker."

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- 1.6 At the time Fung advertised the property, 523 Rossanley Drive in Medford, Oregon (523 Rossanley) was tilted to Robert C. Husel (R. Husel). 523 Rossanley is a commercial building that houses an automotive repair business owned by David Husel (D. Husel). R. Husel and D. Husel had been in negotiations for R. Husel to purchase 523 Rossanley but could not reach an agreement. R. Husel's attorney, Robertson got involved and relayed an offer to sell to D. Husel.
- 1.7 Fung approached D. Husel and introduced himself as representing D. Husel's father, R. Husel in the sale of the property. Fung encouraged D. Husel to take R. Husel's initial asking price. D. Husel stated, "The one time I did speak to him in person on site he absolutely represented himself as the selling agent."
- 1.8 On March 9, 2020, D. Husel became aware of the commercial real estate listing of the property on the LoopNet website. D. Husel contacted Fung, whose name and phone number were included in the advertising as a point of contact regarding various errors in the advertisement.
- 1.9 Fung and D. Husel exchanged text messages about the advertisement, and Fung wrote to D. Husel, "Still like to help you buy the property," and informed D. Husel interest rates were low.
- 1.10 According to Fung, this transaction was separate from CW Tower business and was solely related to Robertson's legal representation of R. Husel. Per Fung there is no formal compensation arrangement with Robertson for this type of work, and sometimes he was not always paid for the work he does. Fung was not paid for his work on the Rossanley property but stated he might have been paid if he had procured a buyer for a successful transaction.
- (1) Violation: By advertising, offering to sell, and attempting to negotiate for sale the property located at 523 Rossanley Drive, Medford, Oregon, Fung engaged in unlicensed professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(b)(c)(d)(i) (2019 Edition), in violation ORS 696.020(2) (2019 Edition), which states; (2) An individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter.

- 1.11 In October 2020, Fung contacted property owner Beverly Gledhill on behalf of tenant Augie Benson to present a purchase offer for a commercial property located at 807 Posse Lane in Medford, Oregon. Fung's email had an attached purchase and sale agreement with the offered purchase price of "four hundred million seventy-five thousand dollars," (this should have been \$455,000.00). In the agreement, Fung wrote in a fee for himself, payable to his company, Oregon Commercial, 3.75% for "procuring financing." The contract stated that Oregon Commercial would not be paid if financing was unsuccessful.
- **(2) Violation:** By submitting an offer to purchase 807 Posse Lane, Medford, Oregon, on behalf of a buyer, Fung engaged in unlicensed professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(b)(c)(i) (2019 Edition), in violation violated ORS 696.020(2) (2019 Edition), which states; An individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter.
- 1.12 Fung's YouTube channel features property tours and walk-throughs. In the videos, he describes attributes of the buildings, locations and business that have occupied the properties in the past. In the comments under most videos Fung lists his name and phone number as the point in contact for the properties in question.
- 1.15 Fung advertised an undeveloped lot located on Luman Road, Phoenix, Oregon on his YouTube.com channel. Per Fung's attorney, this property was owned by a longtime friend of Fung.
- (3) Violation: By advertising the undeveloped property located on Luman Road in Phoenix, Oregon, Fung engaged in unlicensed professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(c)(d)(i)(j) (2019 Edition), in violation of ORS 696.020(2) (2019 Edition) which states: An individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter

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According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by

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the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

STIPULATION & WAIVER

I have read and reviewed the above findings of fact and conclusions of law which have been submitted to me by the Agency and further, the order which follows hereafter. I understand that the findings of fact, conclusions of law and this stipulation and waiver embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation I have the right to request a hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a hearing. Hearings are conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above findings of fact and conclusions of law and understand that the order which follows hereafter may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal. I agree once the Commissioner executes this stipulated order, I will accept service of the final order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

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ORDER IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.397, Fung immediately cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(a) to (n) (2019 Edition). The Commissioner's authority for this order is under ORS 696.397. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.990 and based upon the violation set forth above, Fung pay a civil penalty in the sum of \$2,500.00, said penalty to be paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to the Agency. IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: DocuSigned by: Steven Strode SAMUEL S. FUNG STEVEN STRODE Real Estate Commissioner Date July 18, 2021 Date 7/21/2021 | 7:48 AM PDT Date of Service: 07/21/2021