

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY**

In the Matter of:)
) AA-CE-2015-73
First Financial Bank, N.A.)
Hamilton, Ohio)

ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) intends to initiate a civil money penalty proceeding against First Financial Bank, N.A., Hamilton, Ohio, (“Bank”), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f), for a pattern or practice of making or renewing loans where the property securing the designated loans are covered by flood insurance in an amount less than is required; failing to notify borrowers and to force place adequate flood insurance, if not obtained by the borrower, within 45 days of the Bank’s determination that flood insurance was insufficient or lacking; failing to provide timely notice to borrowers of special flood hazards and availability of federal disaster relief assistance; and failing to ensure that borrowers signed such notices prior to loan origination;

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to the above matter, the Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, desires to enter into this Consent Order (“Order”);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, it is stipulated by and between the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and the Bank that:

Article I

JURISDICTION

(1) The Bank is a national banking association, chartered and examined by the Comptroller, pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Bank is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2) and is a “regulated lending institution” as that term is defined at 42 U.S.C. § 4003(a)(10).

(2) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 4003(a)(5) and 4012a(f), the Comptroller is the “appropriate Federal entity for lending regulation” to maintain an enforcement proceeding against the Bank.

Article II

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(1) The Bank hereby consents to the payment of a civil money penalty in the amount of eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,700.00), which shall be paid upon execution of this Order.

(2) The Bank shall make payment in full by check made payable to the National Flood Insurance Program and shall deliver the payment to: Kevin Montgomery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 1800 South Bell Street, Room 510, Arlington, VA 20598-3010.

(3) The Bank shall submit a copy of the check to Giovanna Cavallo, Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

(4) This Order shall be enforceable to the same extent and in the same manner as an effective and outstanding order that has been issued and has become final pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(h) and (i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a.

Article III

WAIVERS

- (1) By executing this Order, the Bank waives:
 - (a) the right to the issuance of a Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) and recognizes that the letters dated October 28, 2014, and July 15, 2015, from Julie A. Blake, Assistant Deputy Comptroller, constitute valid substitute notice;
 - (b) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(h) and 1818(i), 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4), and 12 C.F.R. Part 19;
 - (c) all rights to seek judicial review of this Order;
 - (d) all rights in any way to contest the validity of this Order; and
 - (e) any and all claims for fees, costs or expenses against the Comptroller, or any of his agents or employees, related in any way to this enforcement matter or this Order, whether arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, including, but not limited to, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/s/ Claude E. Davis	9/23/15 Date
/s/ J. Wickliffe Ach	9/23/15 Date
/s/ David S. Barker	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Cynthia O. Booth	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Mark A. Collar	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Corinne R. Finnerty	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Peter Geier	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Murph Knapke	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Susan L. Knust-Purkrabek	9/23/15 Date
/s/ William J. Kramer	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Jeffrey Meyer	9/23/15 Date
/s/ John Neighbours	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Richard E. Olszewski	9/23/15 Date
/s/ Maribeth S. Rahe	9/23/15 Date