Department of Commerce Professional Licensing Bureau

# BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 200 EAST GRAND, SUITE 350 DES MOINES, IOWA 50309



IN RE:	)	
	)	CASE NUMBER: 17-220
Daniel L. Parker	)	
Broker (B58032000)	)	COMBINED STATEMENT OF
	)	CHARGES, INFORMAL
Parker Realty, LLC	)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
510 Herder Street, PO Box 40	)	AND CONSENT ORDER IN A
Guttenberg, IA 52052	)	DISCIPLINARY CASE
	)	
RESPONDENT	)	

The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and **Daniel L. Parker** (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4) (2022).

- 1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate broker license number B58032000 on October 20, 2008. Respondent's license is in full force and effect until December 31, 2022. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent served both as the designated broker in charge and a licensed real estate broker officer of Parker Realty, LLC, license number F05313000, located in Guttenberg, lowa.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2017). Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

## STATEMENT OF CHARGES

#### COUNT I

- 3. Respondent is charged with improper trust account procedures in violation of lowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.29(1)(k), 543B.34(1), 543B.46 (2017) by:
  - (a) Failing to maintain at all times a record of the Respondent's trust account and improper trust account procedures. *See* 193E Iowa Administrative Code §§ 13.1(6), 18.14(5)(e), 18.14(5)(f).

- (b) Failing to accurately maintain the running balance of all property management individual ledger accounts for the Respondent's trust account. See 193E Iowa Administrative Code §§ 13.1(6)(c), 18.14(5)(e)(2).
- (c) Failing to provide a means for a monthly reconciliation of the Respondent's trust account to ensure agreement of the general ledger balance, reconciled bank balance and individual ledger accounts. *See* 193E Iowa Administrative Code §§ 13.1(6)(a)(3), 18.14(5)(e), 18.14(5)(f).

### **CIRCUMSTANCES**

- 4. Respondent was assigned as the designated broker in charge of real estate brokerage firm Parker Realty, LLC at all times relevant to this matter. As the designated broker in charge of the real estate brokerage firm, the Respondent is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable rules and regulations governing the firm's operations in the state of lowa, including maintenance of the trust account used by the firm.
- 5. On or about September 13, 2017, an onsite examination of the Respondent's lowa real estate trust account and transaction records was conducted by the Commission auditor (auditor).
- 6. The auditor found that for the Respondent's lowa real estate trust account, there was a failure to properly maintain accurate accounting for its individual ledger accounts as it pertains to property management trust account records.
- 7. The auditor found that for the Respondent's lowa real estate trust account, there was not an accurate monthly reconciliation being performed to ensure agreement of the general ledger balance, reconciled bank balance and sum of the individual ledgers.
- 8. For the bank statement dated August 31, 2017, the auditor was not able to perform an accurate reconciliation due to the Respondent's failure to maintain the individual ledgers and failure to perform accurate monthly reconciliations for the lowa real estate trust account.
- 9. On September 28, 2017, the Respondent provided the trust account reconciliation for the bank statement dated August 31, 2017. The reconciliation reflected a General Ledger Balance of \$8,076.05, a Reconciled Bank Balance of \$8,076.05, and the sum of the Individual Ledgers was \$8,076.05; indicating that there are no variances in the Respondent's lowa real estate trust account.

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

10. Without admission of wrongdoing or guilt, the Respondent does not contest the allegations stated in the Statement of Charges. This case shall constitute one violation for purposes of Iowa Code section 543B.29(4) (2022).

- 11. Respondent acknowledges that he has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives his right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to lowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 lowa Administrative Code 7.4.
- 12. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.
- 13. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.
- 14. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.34(1) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2022) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.
- 15. This Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.
  - (a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
  - (b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.
- 16. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2022).

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

17. <u>CIVIL PENALTY</u>. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) no later than twelve (12) months after acceptance of this Order

by the Commission. The civil penalty must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer, referencing Case Number 17-220.

18. <u>FUTURE COMPLIANCE</u>. The Respondent also shall at all future times 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 Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:		
Voluntarily agreed to and accept	ted by <b>Daniel L. Parker</b> on this <u>A</u> day of	
	By: DANIEL L. PARKER, Respondent	
State of $\overline{10}$		
County of Clayton)		
Signed and sworn to before me	on this 28th day of June	_, 2022, by:
AUSTIN L. COON Commission Number 744623 My Commission Expires  O)/29/2025	Notary Public, State of <u>Jona</u> Printed Name: Ash (. Com My Commission Expires: 01/19/2025	- - 
FOR THE COMMISSION:		
Yoluntarily agreed to and accept day of Myst	ted by the <b>IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION</b>	on this

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