

# American Home Mortgage Investment Corp.

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## Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

### Introduction

All employees, officers and directors of American Home Mortgage Investment Corp. (the “Company”) are responsible for conducting themselves in compliance with this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the “Code”), other policies of the Company and applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Company adopted the Code in order to assist the Company and its employees, officers and directors with the Company’s goals of conducting its business and affairs in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct, fair dealing and honesty.

The Company also expects that any consultants or other service providers it retains will adhere to the Code. In addition, for purposes of Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) promulgated thereunder, Sections I through IV of the Code shall constitute the Company’s code of ethics for “Senior Financial Officers” (as defined in Section I below).

### I. Compliance and Reporting

Employees, officers and directors should strive to identify and raise potential issues before they lead to problems for the Company and should ask about the application of the Code whenever there is a question as to whether a violation of the Code has occurred or will occur. Any employee or officer who becomes aware of any existing or potential violation of the Code should promptly notify the Company’s General Counsel. If the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Principal Accounting Officer (collectively, the “Senior Financial Officers”) or any director becomes aware of an existing or potential violation of the Code, he or she should promptly notify the Company’s General Counsel. The Company shall take such disciplinary, corrective and preventative action as it deems appropriate to address any existing or potential violation of this Code brought to its attention.

Confidentiality regarding those who make compliance reports and those potentially involved is maintained to the extent possible during a compliance investigation. The Company does not tolerate retribution, retaliation or adverse personnel action of any kind against any person for lawfully reporting a situation of potential noncompliance with the Code, or providing to the Company or any law enforcement or other governmental agency any information or assistance relating to the commission or possible commission of any federal or state offense.

The Senior Financial Officers have a responsibility to create an environment within the Company in which compliance with the Code is treated as a serious obligation and in which violations of the Code are not tolerated. The Senior Financial Officers will establish and, if necessary, modify the procedures by which violations of the Code are to be reported.

In addition, the Company has adopted a Whistle Blower Policy, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the General Counsel.

## **II. Conflicts of Interest**

All business decisions must be made in the Company's best interest. A "conflict of interest" arises when an individual's judgment is or may be influenced by considerations of improper personal gain or benefit to the individual or another person. Even if no actual conflict of interest occurs, situations that create the appearance of a conflict may harm the Company's public relations or cause other problems damaging to the Company, and, as such, also should be avoided. Conflicts of interest are prohibited as a matter of Company policy, unless they have been approved in advance by the Company.

For example, an employee, officer or director must never use or attempt to use his or her position at the Company to obtain any improper personal benefit for himself or herself, for his or her family members or for any other person, including loans or guarantees of obligations, from any other person or entity. In this regard, service to the Company should never be subordinated to personal gain and advantage. To the extent possible, conflicts of interest always should be avoided. Any employee, officer or director who is aware of a material transaction or relationship that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest should promptly discuss the matter with the General Counsel.

In addition, as a result of their close relationships to the Company and its business, the Senior Financial Officers have a special responsibility to:

- refrain, without the approval of the Board of Directors, from transacting business with the Company through any entity in which the officer or a member of his or her immediate family owns all or a controlling interest;
- refrain, without the approval of the Board of Directors, from participating in other employment or serving as a director for other organizations if such activity reasonably could be expected to interfere with the officer's ability to act in the best interests of the Company or reasonably could be expected to require the officer to use proprietary, confidential or non-public information of the Company;
- refuse gifts, favors or hospitality that would influence or appear to influence the recipient to act other than in the best interests of the Company; and

- report to the Audit Committee or to the Board of Directors any existing or potential director positions they hold, including positions on non-profit or charitable organization boards of directors.

### **III. Public Disclosure**

It is the Company's policy that the information in its public communications and disclosures, including its filings with the SEC, be full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable. All employees, officers and directors who are involved in the Company's disclosure process, including the Senior Financial Officers, are responsible for acting in furtherance of this policy. Specifically, but without limiting the foregoing, these individuals are required to maintain familiarity with the disclosure requirements applicable to the Company and are prohibited from knowingly misrepresenting, omitting or causing others to misrepresent or omit, material facts regarding the Company to others, whether within or outside the Company, including the Company's independent accountants. In addition, any employee, officer or director who has a supervisory role in the Company's disclosure process has an obligation to diligently discharge his or her responsibilities.

The Senior Financial Officers, in particular, must act in good faith and with due care and diligence in connection with the preparation of the Company's public disclosures. The Senior Financial Officers must ensure that the financial statements and reports submitted to the SEC are full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable. The Senior Financial Officers must also promptly report any irregularities or deficiencies in the Company's internal controls for financial reporting to the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors.

### **IV. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations**

As noted, it is the Company's policy to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. It is the personal responsibility of each employee, officer and director to adhere to the standards and restrictions imposed by those laws, rules and regulations.

It is both illegal and against Company policy for any employee, officer or director who is aware of material, nonpublic information relating to the Company, any of the Company's customers or clients or any other private or governmental issuer of securities to purchase or sell any securities of those issuers, or recommend that another person purchase, sell or hold the securities of those issuers.

In general, information is "material" if it could affect a person's decision to purchase, sell or hold a company's securities. Material information includes, for example, a company's anticipated earnings, plans to acquire or sell significant assets and changes in senior executives. Employees, officers and directors should try to limit transactions to times when it can reasonably be assumed that all material information about a company has been disclosed. Officers and directors of the Company, in particular, should consult with the General Counsel regarding the safest times to trade in the Company's securities.

In addition, employees, officers and directors may not disclose material, nonpublic information about the Company or another company to any person (i) inside the Company, unless they need to know the information for legitimate business purposes, or (ii) outside of the Company, unless prior approval is obtained from Company management in consultation with the General Counsel. Bear in mind that this information belongs to the Company and no person may misappropriate it for anyone's benefit. Providing a "tip" based on material, nonpublic information is unethical and illegal, and is prohibited, even if you do not profit from it. Certain persons who regularly have access to material, nonpublic information or who hold certain positions within the Company must obtain clearance from the General Counsel prior to trading in the Company's securities. All affected individuals will be personally notified about this clearance requirement.

Detailed rules governing the trading of Company securities by employees, officers and directors are set forth in the Company's Securities Trading Policy. You may obtain a copy of this policy by contacting the General Counsel.

Other laws, rules, regulations and Company policies to which employees, officers and directors are subject relate to business practices. For example, employees, officers and directors may not misrepresent facts, contractual terms or Company policies to a stockholder, service provider or regulator. Even if done inadvertently, you must correct the misrepresentation as soon as possible after consulting with the General Counsel. In addition, employees, officers and directors must adhere to appropriate procedures governing the retention and destruction of the Company's records, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, Company policies and business needs. No person should destroy, alter or falsify any document that may be relevant to a threatened or pending lawsuit or governmental investigation. You should consult with, and follow the instructions of, the General Counsel in these situations.

Employees, officers and directors must also comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits American businesses, and in many cases their foreign subsidiaries, from offering, paying or authorizing payment to foreign government officials, political parties or their officials, or political candidates.

The Senior Financial Officers, in particular, have a responsibility to ensure compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of federal, state and local governments and of appropriate public and private regulatory agencies or organizations. In addition to adhering to established Company policies and procedures, these individuals must take steps to ensure that other employees and officers follow such policies and procedures.

Any employee, officer or director who is uncertain about the legal rules and regulations to which he or she or the Company is subject should consult with the General Counsel.

## **V. Employment Practices**

The Company also has policies in place to ensure that its employment practices are fair and in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. For detailed information

regarding the Company's employment practices, you should refer to the Company's Employee Handbook, which is posted on the Company's intranet website. You also may obtain a copy of the Employee Handbook by contacting the Vice President of the Company's Human Resources Department.

## **VI. Corporate Opportunities**

Employees, officers and directors owe a duty to the Company to advance the Company's legitimate business interests when the opportunity to do so arises. In this regard, employees, officers and directors are prohibited from (i) taking for themselves personally (or directing to a third party) business opportunities that are discovered through the use of Company property, information or position (unless the Company has already been offered the opportunity and rejected it); (ii) using Company property, information or position for improper personal gain; and (iii) competing with the Company.

It may be difficult to decipher whether or not a particular personal benefit is proper, as sometimes both personal and Company benefits may be derived from certain activities. The best course of action in these circumstances is to consult with the General Counsel.

## **VII. Confidentiality**

In carrying out the Company's business, employees, officers and directors may learn confidential or proprietary information about the Company or third parties. Employees, officers and directors must maintain the confidentiality of all information entrusted to them, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. Confidential or proprietary information includes, for example, any nonpublic information concerning the Company, including its business, properties, financial performance, results or prospects, and any nonpublic information provided by a third party with the expectation or contractual agreement that the information will be kept confidential and used solely for the business purpose for which it was conveyed. Employees, officers and directors are required to secure from unauthorized access and public view documents under their control that contain confidential or proprietary information. When such information is discarded, appropriate steps must be taken to ensure proper and complete destruction.

In addition, employees, officers and directors are prohibited from taking confidential or proprietary information with them upon termination of employment with the Company or from using or disclosing such information for any purpose elsewhere, including with a different employer or company. Any confidential or proprietary information must be promptly returned to the Company upon termination of employment or affiliation with the Company.

## **VIII. Fair Dealing**

Company policy is to conduct business fairly through honest business competition and the Company does not seek competitive advantages through unethical or illegal business practices. Each employee, officer and director should endeavor to deal fairly with the Company's stockholders, service providers, competitors and employees. No employee, officer or director should take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation,

concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation or omission of material facts or any other practice involving unfair dealing.

### **IX. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets**

All employees, officers and directors should protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use. It is important to bear in mind that theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on the Company's profitability. Thus, all assets of the Company should be used only for legitimate business purposes.

### **X. Waivers of the Code**

The Company may elect to waive certain provisions of the Code on a case-by-case basis. Any employee, officer or director who would like to request a waiver of one or more of the Code's provisions must discuss the matter with the General Counsel. Waivers for executive officers and directors of the Company only may be granted by the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board and will be disclosed to the Company's stockholders through the Company's website or its filings with the SEC.