

THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

Case Number: 010647
Name on Licence: John Arthur Torode
Licence Type & Class: Real Estate Broker
Brokerage Name on Licence: Torode Realty Advisors Inc.
Process: Section 39 & 83 of the *Real Estate Act*

Document: ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY
Penalty: \$1,000.00

Payment

This Penalty must be paid **within 30 days** of the date this Notice was issued.

If you fail to pay the Penalty the Registrar may commence collection under Part 6 of the *Real Estate Act* and may suspend your licence under section 38.1 of the Rules.

If you pay the Penalty

- You will have satisfied the Administrative Penalty and no further proceedings under Part 6 will be taken against you.
- You cannot be charged under the *Real Estate Act* with an offence for the contravention(s) in this Administrative Penalty.

TO: John Arthur Torode

The Registrar of the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has determined there is sufficient evidence you have contravened **section 40(1)(g) of the *Real Estate Act Rules*** and this is conduct deserving of sanction.

Rule at time of conduct

Rule 40(1): An industry member must immediately notify, in writing, the executive director when:

- (g) proceedings pursuant to the Criminal Code are commenced against the industry member;*

Particulars of the contravention(s):

1. In or around August 2020, you failed to immediately notify, in writing, the executive director of proceedings pursuant to the Criminal Code commenced against you, contrary to section 40(1)(g) of the *Real Estate Act* Rules:
 - a) On or around August 14, 2020, proceedings pursuant to the Criminal Code were commenced against you.
 - b) September 1, 2020, the Registrar became aware of these proceedings from a news article.

Compliance with section 40 is fundamental to the public interest. This facilitates timely review of an individual's character and suitability to practice when certain events occur.

The Registrar considered the following aggravating and mitigating factors:

Aggravating Factors

- The Registrar found out about the criminal charges from a news article.
- As a broker, you are held to a higher standard.

Appeal

You have the right to appeal this Administrative Penalty to a Hearing Panel. See **section 83.1 of the *Real Estate Act*** for what you must do to appeal.

In an appeal you will be given a full opportunity consistent with procedural fairness and natural justice to present evidence before the Hearing Panel in relation to the contraventions alleged.

Your written notice of appeal must comply with section 83.1 and must be received by the Registrar **within 30 days** of you receiving this Administrative Penalty.

If you appeal, payment of the Penalty will not be required until an order to pay a penalty is issued by the Hearing Panel. If you have any questions regarding particulars or the appeal process, please contact:

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Issued at Calgary, Alberta, on January 15, 2021.

"Signature"

Charles Stevenson, Registrar
Real Estate Council of Alberta