

THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

Case Number: 011919
Name on Licence: Sardul Singh Banipal
Licence Type & Class: Real Estate Associate
Brokerage Name on Licence: Mountain View Real Estate Inc. o/a Re/Max Real Estate (Mountain View)
Process: Section 39 & 83 of the *Real Estate Act*
Document: ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY
Penalty: \$1,500.00

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: Sardul Singh Banipal

The Registrar of the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has determined there is sufficient evidence you have contravened **section 54(1)(d) of the *Real Estate Act Rules*** and this is conduct deserving of sanction.

Rule 54(1) – A real estate broker, associate broker or associate, as the case may be, must not:

(d) directly or indirectly advertise, communicate or offer to any person an incentive except an incentive that is provided by and on behalf of the brokerage with which he is registered.

Particulars of the contravention(s):

1. On or about July 2021 you directly or indirectly offered an incentive that was not offered on behalf of your brokerage contrary to section 54(1)(d) of the *Real Estate Act* Rules.
 - a) On your Facebook page Sunny Banipal & Associates Re/Max Mountain View, you advertised an incentive that was not on advertised on behalf of your brokerage.
 - b) July 21, 2021, you advertised an incentive, giving away 4 tickets for Chestermere's first Bulls on the Beach Rodeo. "For your chance to win: 1. Like this post 2. Follow SunnyBanipalandAssociates 3. Tag your friends and family and get them to follow our page. Your brokerage did not offer the incentive you advertised.
 - c) You have acknowledged that the incentive offered was not in accordance with your brokerage policies.

Licensees must not directly or indirectly, advertise, communicate or offer to any person their own incentives whose sole purpose is to attract business to them personally. A brokerage incentive must be available to all clients or potential clients of a brokerage.

The Registrar considered the following aggravating and mitigating factors:

Aggravating Factors

- You failed to follow brokerage policy and get brokerage approval prior to advertising this incentive.
- RECA has received multiple complaints related to incentives. There is a need for general deterrence of this conduct.

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 October 28, 2021.

"Signature"

Charles Stevenson, Registrar
Real Estate Council of Alberta

cc [L.M], Real Estate Broker
Re/Max Real Estate (Mountain View)