### OCCC CASE NO. L21-00221

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
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MASTER FILE NO.:2000067060	§	<b>OFFICE OF CONSUMER</b>
TRUTH TITLE LOANS CORP.	§	
912 KERN ST.	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77009	§	
	Ś	STATE OF TEXAS

### ORDER TO FILE TIMELY AND ACCURATE ANNUAL REPORTS

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports against Truth Title Loans Corp. ("Truth Title Loans").<sup>1</sup>

#### Statement of Facts and Law

Truth Title Loans is a regulated lender licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code. Truth Title Loans operates under master file number 2000067060 at one licensed location, under license number 164696. Truth Title Loans's compliance officer is Christopher Castro, and its designated contact address is 912 Kern St., Houston, Texas, 77009.

A regulated lender must file annual reports with the Consumer Credit Commissioner ("Commissioner").<sup>2</sup> A regulated lender must comply with all instructions from the OCCC relating to submitting the report.<sup>3</sup> The report is due by May 1 of each year for the prior calendar year's loan activity.<sup>4</sup>

Truth Title Loans did not file its 2020 annual report with the OCCC on or before May 1, 2021.

The Commissioner may issue an injunction ordering a regulated lender to file one or more complete, accurate, and timely annual reports if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the regulated lender is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 342.559.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.835.

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violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code.<sup>5</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Truth Title Loans is violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Truth Title Loans failed to timely file its 2020 annual report.

## Order

IT IS ORDERED that Truth Title Loans Corp.:

- 1. comply with, and cease and desist from violating, the reporting requirements set forth in Section 342.559 of the Texas Finance Code and Title 7, Section 83.835 of the Texas Administrative Code;
- 2. file its 2020 annual report within 30 days of service of this Order, if it has not already done so; and
- 3. timely file complete and accurate future annual reports.

Regulated lender annual reports must be submitted through the OCCC's Application Licensing Examination and Compliance System (ALECS): alecs.occc.texas.gov. Instructions are available by clicking the "File Annual Report" button on the OCCC's home page, occc.texas.gov.

## Violation of Order

If you violate this Order, the OCCC may impose an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 per day.<sup>6</sup> Multiple violations may also result in the suspension or revocation of your license.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 342.156.

# **Right to Request Hearing**

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>8</sup> To request a hearing, you must send a written hearing request to the OCCC no later than 30 days after service of this Order.<sup>9</sup> You must send your request to Audrey Spalding, Assistant General Counsel, by mail to 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, or by email to audrey.spalding@occc.texas.gov.

If you request a hearing, a hearing on this matter will be set and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code.<sup>10</sup> If you fail to request a hearing by the deadline, this Order will be considered final and enforceable.<sup>11</sup>

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Audrey Spalding, Assistant General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at (512) 936-7659, or by email to audrey.spalding@occc.texas.gov.

Signed this 13th day of September, 2021.

<u>/s/ Leslie Pettijohn</u> Leslie L. Pettijohn Consumer Credit Commissioner State of Texas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 13, 2021, a true and correct copy of this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports has been sent to Truth Title Loans Corp. by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR # 9214 8901 9403 8300 0046 8633 30 Truth Title Loans Corp. Attn: Christopher Castro, Compliance Officer 912 Kern St. Houston, TX 77009

CMRRR # 9214 8901 9403 8300 0046 8633 47 Truth Title Loans Corp. Attn: United States Corporation Agents Inc., Registered Agent 9900 Spectrum Drive Austin, TX 78717

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