

OCCC CASE NO. L23-00072

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.: 450	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
COVINGTON CREDIT OF TEXAS INC.	§	
101 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 600	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA	§	
29601	§	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 Covington Credit of Texas Inc. (“Covington Credit”).<sup>1</sup>

**Statement of Facts and Law**

Covington Credit is a regulated lender licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code. Covington Credit operates under master file number 450 at multiple licensed locations, under multiple license numbers. Covington Credit’s compliance officer is Kerry Palombo, and its designated contact address is 101 North Main Street, Suite 600, Greenville, South Carolina, 29601.

A regulated lender must file annual reports with the OCCC.<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>

Covington Credit did not file its 2022 annual report with the OCCC by the deadline of May 1, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 342.559.

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

<sup>4</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 342.559; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.835; [https://occc.texas.gov/industry/regulated-lenders/annual\\_reports](https://occc.texas.gov/industry/regulated-lenders/annual_reports)

The Consumer Credit Commissioner (“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 violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code.<sup>5</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Covington Credit is violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Covington Credit failed to timely file its 2022 annual report.

## **Order**

IT IS ORDERED that Covington Credit of Texas Inc.:

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 2022 annual report within 30 days after the date 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](http://alecs.occc.texas.gov). Instructions are available by clicking the “File Annual Report” button on the OCCC’s home page, [occc.texas.gov](http://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>

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<sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

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

<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 the date of this Order.<sup>9</sup> You must send your request to Matthew Nance, General Counsel, by mail to 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, or by email to [matthew.nance@occc.texas.gov](mailto:matthew.nance@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 Matthew Nance, General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at 512-936-7660, or by email at [matthew.nance@occc.texas.gov](mailto:matthew.nance@occc.texas.gov).

Signed this 17th day of August, 2023.

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>10</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 17, 2023, a true and correct copy of this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports has been sent to Covington Credit of Texas Inc. by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR # 9214 8901 9403 8300 0023 2826 73  
Covington Credit of Texas Inc.  
Attn: Kerry Palombo, Compliance Officer  
101 North Main Street, Suite 600  
Greenville, SC 29601

CMRRR # 9214 8901 9403 8300 0023 2826 80  
Covington Credit of Texas Inc.  
Attn: CT Corporation Systems, Registered Agent  
1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900  
Dallas, TX 75201

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