

OCCC CASE NO. L24-00085

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.: 1700058026	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
AUTO APPROVE, LLC	§	
4190 VINEWOD LANE, STE. 111,	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
PMB 570	§	
PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA 55442	§	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 Auto Approve, LLC (“Auto Approve”).¹

Statement of Facts and Law

Auto Approve is a regulated lender licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code. Auto Approve operates under master file number 1700058026 at one licensed location, under license number 161447. Auto Approve’s compliance officer is Kelly Hall, and its designated contact address is 4190 Vinewod Lane, Ste. 111, PMB 570, Plymouth, Minnesota 55442.

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

Auto Approve did not file its 2023 annual report with the OCCC on or before May 1, 2024.

¹ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

² Tex. Fin. Code § 342.559.

³ 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.835.

⁴ Tex. Fin. Code § 342.559; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.835; https://occc.texas.gov/industry/regulated-lenders/annual_reports

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 violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code.⁵

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Auto Approve is violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Auto Approve failed to timely file its 2023 annual report.

Order

IT IS ORDERED that Auto Approve, LLC:

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 2023 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. 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.⁶ Multiple violations may also result in the suspension or revocation of your license.⁷

⁵ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

⁶ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

⁷ Tex. Fin. Code § 342.156.

Right to Request Hearing

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.⁸ 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.⁹ You must send your request to Vivek Vedanarayanan, Assistant General Counsel, by mail to 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, or by email to vivek.vedanarayanan@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.¹⁰ If you fail to request a hearing by the deadline, this Order will be considered final and enforceable.

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Vivek Vedanarayanan, Assistant General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at 512-936-7623, or by email at vivek.vedanarayanan@occc.texas.gov.

Signed this 22nd day of July, 2024.

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

⁸ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

⁹ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

¹⁰ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 22, 2024, a true and correct copy of this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports has been sent to Auto Approve, LLC by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

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Auto Approve, LLC
Attn: Kelly Hall, Compliance Officer
4190 Vinewood Lane, Ste. 111, PMB 570
Plymouth, MN 55442

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Auto Approve, LLC
Attn: InCorp Services Inc., Registered Agent
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Austin, TX 78701

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