

OCCC CASE NO. L25-012

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.: 1387	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
WAYSIDE PAWN INC.	§	
d/b/a BIG CITY PAWN	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
1300 WAYSIDE DR.	§	
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77011	§	STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (“OCCC”) issues this Order Imposing Administrative Penalty against Wayside Pawn Inc. d/b/a Big City Pawn (“Big City Pawn”).¹

Statement of Facts and Law

Big City Pawn is a pawnshop licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code. Big City Pawn operates under master file number 1387 at one licensed location, under license number 5298. Big City Pawn’s compliance officer is Joe Saldivar, and its designated contact address is 1300 Wayside Dr., Houston, Texas 77011.

A pawnshop must file annual reports with the OCCC.² A pawnshop must comply with all instructions from the OCCC relating to submitting the report, and must file a report for each licensed location.³ The report is due by July 31 of each year for the prior calendar year’s activity.⁴

On February 2, 2024, the OCCC issued an Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports (the “Order”) against Big City Pawn for failing to timely file its 2022 annual report. The Order required Big City Pawn to timely file complete and accurate future reports.

¹ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

² Tex. Fin. Code § 371.201; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502.

³ 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502.

⁴ 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502; <https://occc.texas.gov/industry/pawnshops-and-pawn-employees/annual-reports>

Big City Pawn did not file its 2023 annual report by the deadline of July 31, 2024.

The Consumer Credit Commissioner (“Commissioner”) may issue an injunction ordering a pawnshop to file one or more complete, accurate, and timely annual reports if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the pawnshop is violating Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code.⁵ The Commissioner may impose an administrative penalty on a pawnshop that violates an injunction.⁶

By failing to timely file its 2023 annual report, Big City Pawn has violated Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code and the OCCC’s Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports.

Order

IT IS ORDERED that Wayside Pawn Inc. d/b/a Big City Pawn:

1. pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500.00 (calculated as \$500.00 each for Big City Pawn’s one licensed location) within 30 days after the date of this Order; and
2. file its 2023 annual report within 30 days of after the date of this Order, if it has not already done so.

Pawnshop 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.

⁵ Tex. Fin. Code §§ 14.208, 371.302(a).

⁶ Tex. Fin. Code §§ 14.208(c), 371.303; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b).

Right to Request Hearing

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.⁷ 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.⁸ 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.⁹ If you fail to request a hearing by the deadline, this Order will be considered final and enforceable.¹⁰

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 10th day of October, 2024.

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

⁷ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

⁸ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

⁹ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

¹⁰ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 10, 2024, a true and correct copy of this Order Imposing Administrative Penalty has been sent to Wayside Pawn Inc. d/b/a Big City Pawn by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

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Wayside Pawn Inc.
Attn: Joe Saldivar, Compliance Officer
1300 Wayside Dr.
Houston, TX 77011

CMRRR# 9214 8901 9403 8300 0078 3770 34
Wayside Pawn Inc.
Attn: Joe Saldivar, Registered Agent
2607 Sandstone Creek Dr.
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