

OCCC CASE NO. L19-00349

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.: 346	§	
WORTH FINANCE CORPORATION	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
D/B/A WORTH FINANCE	§	
CORPORATION (SOUTH)	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
11671 JOLLYVILLE RD., STE. 204	§	
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78759	§	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 Worth Finance Corporation d/b/a Worth Finance Corporation (South) (“Worth Finance”).<sup>1</sup>

**Statement of Facts and Law**

Worth Finance is a regulated lender licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code. Worth Finance operates under master file number 346 at multiple licensed locations, under license numbers 3845, 3942, 4190, 6278, 6523, 6722, 6973, 7259, 7260, 7618, 7619, 7620, 7981, 7982, 7983, 7984, 7985, 7986, 7987, 7988, 7989, 7990, 7999, 54187, 54188, 54189, 54190, and 54191. Worth Finance’s compliance officer is Carla Bowles, and its designated contact address is 11671 Jollyville Rd., Ste. 204, Austin, Texas 78759.

A regulated lender must file annual reports with the Consumer Credit Commissioner (“Commissioner”).<sup>2</sup> A regulated lender must file the required annual report by May 1 for the prior year’s calendar loan activity on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and must comply with all instructions relating to submitting the report.<sup>3</sup>

Worth Finance did not file its 2018 annual report with the Commissioner by May 1, 2019.

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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; [https://occc.texas.gov/industry/regulated-lenders/annual\\_reports](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.<sup>4</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Worth Finance is violating Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Worth Finance failed to timely file its 2018 annual report.

### **Order**

IT IS ORDERED that Worth Finance Corporation d/b/a Worth Finance Corporation (South):

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 2018 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.occ.texas.gov](http://alecs.occ.texas.gov). Instructions are available by clicking the "File Annual Report" button on the OCCC's home page, [occ.texas.gov](http://occ.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>5</sup> Multiple violations may also result in the suspension or revocation of your license.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

<sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 342.156.

## Right to Request Hearing

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>7</sup> Your request must be made in writing and sent to the OCCC not later than 30 days after you receive this Order. You must send your request to:

Matthew Nance  
Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner  
2601 N. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78705

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>8</sup> If you fail to request a hearing by this deadline, this Order is considered final and enforceable.<sup>9</sup>

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Matthew Nance, Deputy General Counsel. You may contact him by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at (512) 936-7660, or by email to [matthew.nance@occc.texas.gov](mailto:matthew.nance@occc.texas.gov).

Signed this 21st day of August, 2019.

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

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<sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of August, 2019, a true and correct copy of this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports has been sent to Worth Finance Corporation d/b/a Worth Finance Corporation (South) by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 4753 6398  
Worth Finance Corporation  
Attn: Carla Bowles, Compliance Officer  
11671 Jollyville Rd., Ste. 204  
Austin, TX 78759

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 4753 6404  
Worth Finance Corporation  
Attn: Robin Bowles-Silence, Registered Agent  
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