

OCCC CASE NO. L22-00009

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.:2000066794	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
EMPIRE FINANCE OF HURST, LLC	§	
328 E. CARL ALBERT PARKWAY	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA 74501	§	
	§	STATE OF TEXAS

**ORDER TO FILE TIMELY AND ACCURATE  
QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (“OCCC”) issues this Order to File Timely and Accurate Quarterly and Annual Reports against Empire Finance Of Hurst, LLC (“Empire Finance”).<sup>1</sup>

**Statement of Facts and Law**

Empire Finance is a credit services organization licensed to act as a credit access business under Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code. Empire Finance operates under master file number 2000066794 at multiple licensed locations, under license numbers, 165571, 165594, 165597, 165598, 165599, 165600, 165601, 165602, and 165603. Empire Finance’s compliance officer is Cindy Riggs, and its designated contact address is 328 E. Carl Albert Parkway, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501.

A credit access business must file quarterly and annual reports with the Consumer Credit Commissioner (“Commissioner”).<sup>2</sup> A credit access business must submit for each of its licensed locations its 2021 2nd quarter report on or before July 31, 2021.<sup>3</sup> All information provided on the quarterly and annual reports must be accurate and calculated in accordance with the OCCC’s instructions.<sup>4</sup>

Empire Finance did not file its 2021 2nd quarter report with the Commissioner on or before July 31, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code §§ 393.622, 393.627; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(a).

<sup>3</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001 (b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(a).

The Commissioner may issue an injunction ordering a credit access business to file one or more complete, accurate, and timely quarterly or annual reports if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the credit access business is violating Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code.<sup>5</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Empire Finance is violating Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Empire Finance failed to timely file its 2021 2nd quarter report.

## **Order**

IT IS ORDERED that Empire Finance Of Hurst, LLC:

1. comply with, and cease and desist from violating, the reporting requirements set forth in Section 393.627 of the Texas Finance Code and Title 7, Section 83.5001 of the Texas Administrative Code;
2. file its 2021 2nd quarter report within 30 days of service of this Order, if it has not already done so; and
3. timely file complete and accurate future quarterly and annual reports.

Credit access business quarterly and 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**

You may be assessed an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day of violation of this Order.<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; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(1).

<sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c); 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(2).

<sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 393.614; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(3).

## Right to Request Hearing

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>8</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:

Audrey Spalding  
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>9</sup> If you fail to request a hearing by this deadline, this Order is considered final and enforceable.<sup>10</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](mailto:audrey.spalding@occc.texas.gov).

Signed this 23rd day of September, 2021.

/s/ Leslie L. 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(c).

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 23, 2021, a true and correct copy of this Order Imposing Administrative Penalty has been sent to Empire Finance Of Hurst, LLC by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR # 9214 8901 9403 8300 0050 8235 59

Empire Finance Of Hurst, LLC

Attn: Cindy Riggs, Compliance Officer

328 E. Carl Albert Parkway

McAlester, Oklahoma 74501

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Empire Finance Of Hurst, LLC

Attn: Matthew Baulier, Registered Agent

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/s/Audrey Spalding

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