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## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Check Cashers and Sellers Act of Washington by:

THE LOAN LOCATION INC., JAMIE A. ROBISON, Owner and President, CLIFFORD E. ROBISON, Owner and Chairman, and ROZALYN A. WALSTON, Owner and C.E.O.,

Respondents.

NO. C-09-164-09-FO01

FINAL ORDER

# I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. Procedural History. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On October 19, 2009, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Revoke License, Ban from Industry, Impose Fine, Obtain Annual Reports, Collect Annual Assessment(s), and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated October 23, 2009, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated October 23, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents on Respondents' registered agent, on October 23, 2009, by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On October 27, 2009, the

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documents sent via Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The documents sent via First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Post Office.

Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served them with the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

- B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for entry of a final decision included the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated October 23, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents, with documentation of service;
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.

## II. FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

- A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:
  - 1. Respondents The Loan Location Inc's license to conduct the business of a Check Casher and/or Check Seller with a Small Loan Endorsement is revoked; and
  - 2. Respondents The Loan Location Inc., Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison, and Rozalyn A. Walston, jointly and severally pay a fine of \$6,000; and
  - 3. Respondents The Loan Location Inc., Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison, and Rozalyn A. Walston, be banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any check casher or seller subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of 5 years; and
  - 4. Respondents The Loan Location Inc., Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison, and Rozalyn A. Walston, jointly and severally pay an investigation fee of \$690.10.

B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents have the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondents. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

- C. <u>Stay of Order</u>. The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.
- D. <u>Judicial Review</u>. Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.
- E. <u>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees and restitution imposed herein.
- F. <u>Service</u>. For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this day of Multille, 2009.



STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

**DIRECTOR** 

**DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** 

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THE LOAN LOCATION INC., JAMIE A. ROBISON, Owner and President, CLIFFORD E. ROBISON, Owner and Chairman, and ROZALYN A. WALSTON, Owner and C.E.O.,

Respondents.

NO. C-09-164-09-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE, BAN FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, OBTAIN ANNUAL REPORTS, COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT[S], AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

## INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 31.45 RCW, the Check Cashers and Sellers Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 31.45.100, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

## I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

#### Respondents. 1.1

- The Loan Location (Respondent Loan Location) was licensed by the Department of A. Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a check casher with a small loan endorsement and a check seller on July 26, 2007, and has continued to be licensed to date. Respondent Loan Location is licensed to conduct the business of a check casher with a small loan endorsement and a check seller at 10225 198th St. E. Ste. 201 Graham, Washington 98338.
- Jamie A. Robison (Respondent J. Robison) is an Owner and President of Respondent Loan В. Location.
- Clifford E. Robison (Respondent C. Robison) is an Owner and Chairman of Respondent C. Loan Location.

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D. Rozalyn A. Walston (Respondent Walston) is an Owner and C.E.O. of Respondent Loan Location.

1.2 Failure to Maintain Bond. On April 21, 2009, the Department received notice from Contractors

Bonding and Insurance Company (CBIC) that Respondents' surety bond would be cancelled, effective May 18,

2009. To date, Respondents have failed to provide the Department the required surety bond or an approved alternative.

Respondents a letter directing them to file their 2008 annual reports and remit any annual fees due. As of the date of this document, the Respondents have not responded to the directive. On May 12, 2009, the Department sent Respondent J. Robison an email at her last known email address, informing the Respondents they needed to reinstate their cancelled bond or submit surrender closure forms by May 20, 2009. As of the date of this document, the Respondents have not responded to the email. On May 27, 2009, the Department sent a Notice of Expiration to the Respondents reminding them of their responsibility under the Act and if they wish to reinstate their license they would have to file the 2008 annual reports, assessments owed, and a 25% penalty (of assessment amount) by June 5, 2009. The Respondents did not respond. The Department has made several attempts, with no success, to contact the Respondents by telephone and via email. Recent emails sent to the Respondents have been returned as undeliverable, and the Respondent's business telephone number has been disconnected. It appears the Respondents have ceased operations without notifying the Department.

1.4 Failure to File Financial Statements and Pay Annual Assessments. For licensees on a fiscal year, an Annual Assessment Worksheet and Consolidated Annual Report, as well as the annual assessment calculated thereon, are due to the Department within one hundred five days after the close of each fiscal year, concerning the business and operations of each licensed place of business conducted during such fiscal year. To date, Respondents, who were on a fiscal year, have not provided the calculation worksheets or paid the annual assessment fees for fiscal year 2007; ending June 30, 2008 and due by October 13, 2008. The annual report for the fiscal year 2008; ended June 30 2009, will be due by October 13, 2009.

1.5 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

## II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Requirement to Maintain Surety Bond. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.030(5) and WAC 208-630-180 for failing to file and maintain a surety bond or approved alternative with the Department.
- 2.2 Requirement to Comply with the Department's Investigative Authority. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.100 and WAC 208-630-370 for not producing requested documents to the Department and for not assisting the Department, as necessary, with a pending investigation.
- 2.3 Requirement to File Financial Statements. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.090 and WAC 208-630-830, for failing to provide annual financial statements to the Director within one hundred five days after the close of each calendar fiscal year.
- **2.4** Requirement to Pay Annual Assessments. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.050(1), WAC 208-630-400 for failing to pay to the Director an annual assessment fee no later than one hundred five days after the close of each calendar fiscal year.

## HI. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

3.1 Authority to Revoke License. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(a), the Director may revoke a license if a licensee is violating or has violated the Act including rules and orders, or commits any act or engages in conduct that demonstrates incompetence or untrustworthiness, or is a source of injury or loss to the public, or fails to produce any document, book, or record in his or her possession for inspection, or fails to pay a fee required by the director or maintain the required bond.

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3.2	Authority to Remove and Ban from the Industry. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(e), the Director
may r	remove from office or ban from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any licensee any director,
office	er, sole proprietor, partner, controlling person, or employee of a licensee that is violating or has violated th
Act in	acluding rules and orders, or commits any act or engages in conduct that demonstrates incompetence or
untrus	stworthiness, or is a source of injury or loss to the public.

- **3.3 Authority to Impose Fine.** Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(c), the Director may impose a fine, not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each day's violation of the Act, on any licensee or applicant, or any director, officer, sole proprietor, partner, controlling person, or employee of a licensee or applicant, that is violating or has violated the Act including rules and orders, or commits any act or engages in conduct that demonstrates incompetence or untrustworthiness, or is a source of injury or loss to the public.
- Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.050(1), RCW 31.45.100, WAC 208-630-015, WAC 208-630-020, WAC 208-630-023 and WAC 208-630-02303, the Director shall collect from the licensee the actual cost of an examination or investigation of the business, books, accounts, records, files, or other information of a licensee or person who the Director has reason to believe is engaging in the business governed by the Act. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of sixty-nine dollars and one cent (\$69.01) per hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation, plus actual expenses.

## IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 31.45 RCW and chapter 208-630 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations and Grounds for Entry of Order, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200. Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

- 4.1 Respondent The Loan Location Inc.'s license to conduct the business of a check seller and check casher with a small loan endorsement be revoked;
- 4.2 Respondent The Loan Location Inc. be banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any check casher or check casher with a small loan endorsement or check seller subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of 5 years;
- 4.3 Respondents Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison and Rozalyn A. Walston be banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any check casher or check casher with a small loan endorsement or check seller subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of 5 years;

- 4.4 Respondents The Loan Location Inc, Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison and Rozalyn A. Walston jointly and severally pay a fine which, as of the date of these charges, totals \$6,000; and
- 4.5 Respondents The Loan Location Inc. Jamie A. Robison, Clifford E. Robison, and Rozalyn A. Walston jointly and severally pay an investigation fee which, as of the date of these charges, totals \$690.10, calculated at \$69.01 per hour for the 10 staff hours devoted to the investigation.

### IV. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Revoke License, Ban from Industry, Impose Fine, File Annual Reports, Collect Annual Assessments, and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

Presented by:

WILLIAM HALSTEAD
Financial Legal Examiner

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JAMES R. BRUSSELBACK

Inforcement Chief



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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Respondents.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: THE LOAN LOCATION, JAMIE A. ROBISON, CLIFFORD E. ROBISON, AND ROZALYN A. WALSTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a STATEMENT OF CHARGES has been filed by the Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file an application for an adjudicative hearing before the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions on the Statement of Charges. Service of this notice is deemed complete upon deposit in the United States mail. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you demand a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing date.

At the hearing, you may appear personally, and by counsel, if you desire. The hearing will be as informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). The hearing will be recorded. The primary concern will be getting to the truth of the matter insofar as the Statement of Charges is concerned. Technical rules of evidence will not be binding at the hearing except for the rules of privilege recognized by law. You have the right to present evidence and witnesses in your own behalf, and to cross-examine those witnesses presented in support of the Statement of Charges. You may require the attendance of witnesses by subpoena. If you are limited English- speaking or hearing impaired, you have the right to have an interpreter appointed at no cost to you, as discussed below.

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INTERPRETER AVAILABILITY. If you or a witness for you is a person who, because of non-Englishspeaking cultural background, cannot readily speak or understand the English language, or if you or a witness for you is a person who, because of a hearing impairment or speech defect, cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken language, including persons who are deaf, deaf and blind, or hard of hearing, AND YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER, then a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you or to the witness. You may request the appointment of a qualified interpreter by indicating your request on the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing form.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Department of Financial Institutions does not RECEIVE the Application for Adjudicative Hearing form within twenty (20) days from the date you received this notice, this will constitute a waiver of your right to a hearing and the Director will find that you do not contest the allegations of the Statement of Charges. Upon such a finding by the Director a final order will be immediately entered disposing of this matter as described in the Statement of Charges. If you desire a hearing in this matter, please return the attached Application for Adjudicative Hearing to:

> Department of Financial Institutions Division of Consumer Services Attn: Fatima Batie PO Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

Dated this 19th day of October, 2009.



**DEBORAH BORTNER** 

Director

**Division of Consumer Services** 

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