

ORDER

**BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DIVISION OF BANKING**

TO: American Pawn and Trading Company LLC
N1015 Highway 26
Watertown, WI 53098
Respondent

PURPOSE

This is an order issued by the Administrator, State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking and directed to respondent.

JURISDICTION and AUTHORITY

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking ("division") shall enforce all laws relating to the lending of money under s. 138.09, Stats., and shall enforce and cause to be enforced every law relating to the supervision and control thereof. Sec. 220.02(2)(b), Stats.

The intent of s. 220.02(2)(b), Stats., is to give the division jurisdiction to enforce and carry out all laws relating to small loan companies or other loan companies or agencies in the State of Wisconsin. Sec. 220.02(3), Stats.

Respondent is licensed under s. 138.09, Stats., with the division, license #2679. Respondent is located at the address indicated above.

Respondent is a regulated entity under the supervision and control of the division. Sec. 220.04(9)(a)2., Stats.

The division may issue and serve on the official or regulated entity an order to cease and desist from the violation or practice. The order may require the official or regulated entity to correct the conditions resulting from the violation or practice. Sec. 220.04(9)(d), Stats.

As part of any such order, the division may impose a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each violation or practice. Sec. 220.04(9)(f), Stats.

A regulated entity who violates an order issued under s. 220.04(9)(d), Stats., shall, for each violation, forfeit not more than \$1,000 per day for each day the violation continues. Sec. 220.04(9)(f)2., Stats.

FINDINGS

The division finds as follows:

1. Respondent was properly served with a Notice of Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference ("Notice") issued by the division. **Ex. I.** Pursuant to this Notice, respondent was directed to provide an answer, and appear at a prehearing conference and hearing.
2. Respondent failed to provide an answer to the Notice, and to appear at the prehearing conference and hearing.
3. By its failure to answer the Notice and appear at the hearing, respondent is in default. As a result of the default, respondent has admitted to the matters asserted and the violations set forth in the Notice, pursuant to s. 220.04(9)(d), Stats., and ss. DFI—Bkg 11.11 and 11.12, Admin. Code.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Respondent's license #2679, issued by the division under s. 138.09, Stats., is revoked.

Respondent shall not engage, or attempt to engage, in business for which a Wisconsin loan company license is required. This includes making any loan for which a license under s. 138.09, Stats., is required and assessing a finance charge in excess of 18% per year on a consumer loan made pursuant to s. 138.09, Stats.

As of the effective date of this order, the interest rate on any outstanding loan made pursuant to s. 138.09, Stats., must be reduced to a rate that does not exceed 18% per annum.

The provisions of this order shall be binding upon respondent and respondent's directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, assigns, and other persons participating in the conduct of its affairs. The provisions of the order shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this order shall have been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the division.

The effective date of this order shall be the date it is served, and service is complete upon mailing. Sec. 227.48(1), Stats., and DFI—Bkg 11.09, Admin. Code.

Any person, partnership or corporation and the several officers and employees thereof who shall violate any of the provisions of s. 138.09, Stats., shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both. Sec. 138.09(10), Stats.

Dated and mailed at Madison, Wisconsin this 10th day of February, 2014.

By: _____
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APPEAL

Pursuant to ss. 227.48 and 227.49, Stats., respondent may file a petition for rehearing which shall be **received by the division within 20 days** after the effective date of this order. Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of some material error of law or fact, or the discovery of new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the order, and which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence.

The request shall be sent to:

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Pursuant to ss. 227.48(2) and 227.52, Stats., respondent may file a petition for judicial review within 30 days after the effective date of this order. The identification of the party to be named as respondent therein is the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.