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	STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION		
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3	IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING		
4	Whether there has been a violation of the Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:	NO. C-04-112-04-SC01	
5	J P FUNDING INC AND JOSEPH PARKER, PRESIDENT AND OWNER	STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER	
6 7	Respondents.	AN ORDER TO REVOKE CONSUMER LOAN LICENSE	
8	INTRODUCTION		
9	Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093 and RCW 31.04.165, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions		
10	of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer		
11	Loan Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 31.04.145, and based upon the facts		
12	available as of June 22, 2004., the Director institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:		
13	I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS		
14	1.1 Respondents:		
15	A. J P Funding Inc. (Respondent J P Fu	anding) was licensed by the Department of Financial	
16	Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a Consumer Loan Company on January 19, 1999 and has continued to be licensed to date.		
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18	B. Joseph H. Parker (Respondent Park	er) is President of Respondent J PFunding.	
19	1.2 Licensed Location: Respondent J P Funding is licensed to conduct the business of a Consumer Loan Company at:		
20	3300 University Dr. STE 311 Coral Springs, FL 33065		
21	1.3 Records Location: Respondent J P Funding	has received approval from the Department to maintain	
22	the records relating to its Consumer Loan license at the following location outside the State of Washington:		
23	3300 University Dr. STE 311 Coral Springs, FL 33065		
24	1 STATEMENT OF CHARGES	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	
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bond. The certified mailing was successfully sent to Respondent Parker's home address. Respondents have failed to respond to any of the demands made by the Department.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- **2.1 Requirement to File Annual Report:** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.155 and WAC 208-620-220(1) for failing to provide annual reports to the Director, under oath and in the form prescribed by the Director, on or before the first day of March, concerning the business and operations of each licensed place of business conducted during the preceding calendar year.
- **2.2 Requirement to Calculate and Pay Annual Assessment:** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.085, WAC 208-620-190(3) and WAC 208-620-220(1) for failing to provide to the Director a completed annual assessment calculation worksheet and failing to pay to the Director annual assessment fees on or before the first day of March, relating to the previous calendar year.
- **2.3 Requirement to Maintain Surety Bond:** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.045(3), RCW 31.04.085, and WAC 208-620-030(1) for failing to file and maintain a surety bond or approved alternative with the Director.
- **2.4 Authority to Charge Examination and Investigation Fees:** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.145(3), WAC 208-620-180(1), WAC 208-620-190(2) and WAC 208-620-191, every licensee examined or investigated by the Director or the Director's designee shall pay for the cost of the examination or investigation, calculated at the rate of sixty-six dollars and eighty-one cents (\$66.81) per staff hour for time incurred from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, and sixty-nine dollars and one cent (\$69.01) per staff hour for time incurred after June 30, 2002.
- **2.5 Authority to Revoke License:** Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(3)(a) and (b), the Director may revoke a license if a licensee fails to pay any fee due the state of Washington, fails to maintain in effect the required bond or permitted substitute, fails to comply with any specific order or demand of the Director, or violates any provision of the Act or any rule adopted under the Act.

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RCW 31.04.045 License -- Application -- Fee -- Surety bond.

- (1) Application for a license under this chapter must be in writing and in the form prescribed by the director. The application must contain at least the following information:
 - (a) The name and the business addresses of the applicant;
 - (b) If the applicant is a partnership or association, the name of every member;
- (c) If the applicant is a corporation, the name, residence address, and telephone number of each officer and director:
 - (d) The street address, county, and municipality from which business is to be conducted; and
 - (e) Such other information as the director may require by rule.
- (2) At the time of filing an application for a license under this chapter, each applicant shall pay to the director an investigation fee and the license fee in an amount determined by rule of the director to be sufficient to cover the director's costs in administering this chapter.
- (3) Each applicant shall file and maintain a surety bond, approved by the director, executed by the applicant as obligor and by a surety company authorized to do a surety business in this state as surety, whose liability as such surety shall not exceed in the aggregate the penal sum of the bond. The penal sum of the bond shall be one hundred thousand dollars for each licensed location up to and including five licensed locations, and an additional ten thousand dollars for each licensed location in excess of five licensed locations, except that a licensee who makes a loan secured by real property shall maintain at a minimum a surety bond with a penal sum of not less than four hundred thousand dollars. The bond shall run to the state of Washington as obligee for the use and benefit of the state and of any person or persons who may have a cause of action against the obligor under this chapter. The bond shall be conditioned that the obligor as licensee will faithfully conform to and abide by this chapter and all the rules adopted under this chapter. The bond will pay to the state and any person or persons having a cause of action against the obligor all moneys that may become due and owing to the state and those persons under and by virtue of this chapter. In lieu of a surety bond, if the applicant is a Washington business corporation, the applicant may maintain unimpaired capital, surplus, and long-term subordinated debt in an amount that at any time its outstanding promissory notes or other evidences of debt (other than long-term subordinated debt) in an aggregate sum do not exceed three times the aggregate amount of its unimpaired capital, surplus, and long-term subordinated debt. The director may define qualifying "long-term subordinated debt" for purposes of this section.
- [2001 c 81 § 4; 1994 c 92 § 162; 1991 c 208 § 5.]

RCW 31.04.075 Licensee -- Place of business.

- The licensee may not maintain more than one place of business under the same license, but the director may issue more than one license to the same licensee upon application by the licensee in a form and manner established by the director.
- Whenever a licensee wishes to change the place of business to a street address other than that designated in the license, the licensee shall give written notice to the director as required by rule, pay the license fee, and obtain the director's approval.
- [2001 c 81 § 6; 1994 c 92 § 164; 1991 c 208 § 8.]

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RCW 31.04.085 Licensee -- Assessment -- Bond -- Time of payment.

A licensee shall, for each license held by any person, on or before the first day of each March, pay to the director an annual assessment as determined by rule by the director. The licensee shall be responsible for payment of the annual assessment for the previous calendar year if the licensee had a license for any time during the preceding calendar year, regardless of whether they surrendered their license during the calendar year or whether their license was suspended or revoked. At the same time the licensee shall file with the director the required bond or otherwise demonstrate compliance with RCW 31.04.045.

[2001 c 81 § 7; 1994 c 92 § 165; 1991 c 208 § 9.]

RCW 31.04.093 Licensing -- Applications -- Regulation of licensees--Director's duties -- Fines --

- (1) The director shall enforce all laws and rules relating to the licensing and regulation of licensees and persons subject to this chapter.
- (2) The director may deny applications for licenses for:
- (a) Failure of the applicant to demonstrate within its application for a license that it meets the requirements for licensing in RCW 31.04.045 and 31.04.055;
- (b) Violation of an order issued by the director under this chapter or another chapter administered by the director, including but not limited to cease and desist orders and temporary cease and desist orders;
- (c) Revocation or suspension of a license to conduct lending, or to provide settlement services associated with lending, by this state, another state, or by the federal government within five years of the date of submittal of a complete application for a license; or
- (d) Filing an incomplete application when that incomplete application has been filed with the department for sixty or more days, provided that the director has given notice to the licensee that the application is incomplete, informed the applicant why the application is incomplete, and allowed at least twenty days for the applicant to complete the application.
- (3) The director may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter if the director finds that:
- (a) The licensee has failed to pay any fee due the state of Washington, has failed to maintain in effect the bond or permitted substitute required under this chapter, or has failed to comply with any specific order or demand of the director lawfully made and directed to the licensee in accordance with this chapter;
- (b) The licensee, either knowingly or without the exercise of due care, has violated any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter; or
- (c) A fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for the license, clearly would have allowed the director to deny the application for the original license. The director may revoke or suspend only the particular license with respect to which grounds for revocation or suspension may occur or exist unless the director finds that the grounds for revocation or suspension are of general application to all offices or to more than one office operated by the licensee, in which case, the director may revoke or suspend all of the licenses issued to the licensee.
- (4) The director may impose fines of up to one hundred dollars per day upon the licensee, its employee or loan originator, or other person subject to this chapter for:

- (a) Any violation of this chapter; or 1 2 3 subject to this chapter to:
 - (b) Failure to comply with any order or subpoena issued by the director under this chapter.
 - (5) The director may issue an order directing the licensee, its employee or loan originator, or other person
 - (a) Cease and desist from conducting business in a manner that is injurious to the public or violates any provision of this chapter;
 - (b) Take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with this chapter; or
 - (c) Make restitution to a borrower or other person who is damaged as a result of a violation of this chapter.
 - (6) The director may issue an order removing from office or prohibiting from participation in the affairs of any licensee, or both, any officer, principal, employee or loan originator, or any person subject to this chapter for:
 - (a) False statements or omission of material information from an application for a license that, if known, would have allowed the director to deny the original application for a license;
 - (b) Conviction of a gross misdemeanor involving dishonesty or financial misconduct or a felony;
 - (c) Suspension or revocation of a license to engage in lending, or perform a settlement service related to lending, in this state or another state;
 - (d) Failure to comply with any order or subpoena issued under this chapter; or
 - (e) A violation of RCW 31.04.027.
 - (7) Whenever the director determines that the public is likely to be substantially injured by delay in issuing a cease and desist order, the director may immediately issue a temporary cease and desist order. The order may direct the licensee to discontinue any violation of this chapter, to take such affirmative action as is necessary to comply with this chapter, and may include a summary suspension of the licensee's license and may order the licensee to immediately cease the conduct of business under this chapter. The order shall become effective at the time specified in the order. Every temporary cease and desist order shall include a provision that a hearing will be held upon request to determine whether the order will become permanent. Such hearing shall be held within fourteen days of receipt of a request for a hearing unless otherwise specified in chapter 34.05 RCW.
 - (8) A licensee may surrender a license by delivering to the director written notice of surrender, but the surrender does not affect the licensee's civil or criminal liability, if any, for acts committed before the surrender, including any administrative action initiated by the director to suspend or revoke a license, impose fines, compel the payment of restitution to borrowers or other persons, or exercise any other authority under this chapter.
 - (9) The revocation, suspension, or surrender of a license does not impair or affect the obligation of a preexisting lawful contract between the licensee and a borrower.

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(10) Every license issued under this chapter remains in force and effect until it has been surrendered, revoked, or suspended in accordance with this chapter. However, the director may on his or her own initiative reinstate suspended licenses or issue new licenses to a licensee whose license or licenses have been revoked if the director finds that the licensee meets all the requirements of this chapter.

[2001 c 81 § 8; 1994 c 92 § 166; 1991 c 208 § 10.]

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RCW 31.04.145 Investigations and examinations -- Director's duties -- Production of information --Costs.

(1) For the purpose of discovering violations of this chapter or securing information lawfully required under this chapter, the director may at any time, either personally or by designees, investigate or examine the loans and business and, wherever located, the books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information used in the business of every licensee and of every person who is engaged in the business making or assisting in the making of loans at interest rates authorized by this chapter, whether the person acts or claims to act as principal or agent, or under or without the authority of this chapter. For these purposes, the director or designated representatives shall have free access to the offices and places of business, books, accounts, papers, documents, other information, records, files, safes, and vaults of all such persons. The director or persons designated by the director may require the attendance of and examine under oath all persons whose testimony may be required about the loans or the business or the subject matter of any investigation, examination, or hearing and may require such person to produce books. accounts, papers, records, files, and any other information the director or designated persons deem relevant to the inquiry. The director may require the production of original books, accounts, papers, records, files, and other information; may require that such original books, accounts, papers, records, files, and other information be copied; or may make copies himself or herself or by designee of such original books, accounts, papers, records, files, or other information. If a licensee or person does not attend and testify, or does not produce the requested books, accounts, papers, records, files, or other information, then the director or designated persons may issue a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum requiring attendance or compelling production of the books, accounts, papers, records, files, or other information.

- (2) The director shall make such periodic examinations of the affairs, business, office, and records of each licensee as determined by rule.
- (3) Every licensee examined or investigated by the director or the director's designee shall pay to the director the cost of the examination or investigation of each licensed place of business as determined by rule by the director.

[2001 c 81 § 11; 1995 c 9 § 2; 1994 c 92 § 169; 1991 c 208 § 15.]

RCW 31.04.155 Licensee -- Recordkeeping -- Director's access -- Report requirement -- Failure to

The licensee shall keep and use in the business such books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information as will enable the director to determine whether the licensee is complying with this chapter and with the rules adopted by the director under this chapter. The director shall have free access to such books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information wherever located. Every licensee shall preserve the books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, and other information relevant to a loan for at least twenty-five months after making the final entry on any loan. No licensee or person subject to examination or investigation under this chapter shall withhold, abstract, remove, mutilate, destroy, or secrete any books, accounts, records, papers, documents, files, or other information.

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Each licensee shall, on or before the first day of March of each year, file a report with the director giving such relevant information as the director may reasonably require concerning the business and operations of each licensed place of business conducted during the preceding calendar year. The report must be made under oath and must be in the form prescribed by the director, who shall make and publish annually an analysis and recapitulation of the reports. Every licensee that fails to file a report that is required to be filed by this chapter within the time required under this chapter is subject to a penalty of fifty dollars per day for each day's delay. The attorney general may bring a civil action in the name of the state for recovery of any such penalty.

[2001 c 81 § 12; 1994 c 92 § 170; 1991 c 208 § 16.]

RCW 31.04.165 Director -- Broad administrative discretion -- Rule making--Actions in superior court.

- (1) The director has the power, and broad administrative discretion, to administer and interpret this chapter to facilitate the delivery of financial services to the citizens of this state by loan companies subject to this chapter. The director shall adopt all rules necessary to administer this chapter and to ensure complete and full disclosure by licensees of lending transactions governed by this chapter.
- (2) If it appears to the director that a licensee is conducting business in an injurious manner or is violating any provision of this chapter, the director may order or direct the discontinuance of any such injurious or illegal practice.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "conducting business in an injurious manner" means conducting business in a manner that violates any provision of this chapter, or that creates the reasonable likelihood of a violation of any provision of this chapter.
- (4) The director or designated persons, with or without prior administrative action, may bring an action in superior court to enjoin the acts or practices that constitute violations of this chapter and to enforce compliance with this chapter or any rule or order made under this chapter. Upon proper showing, injunctive relief or a temporary restraining order shall be granted. The director shall not be required to post a bond in any court proceedings.
- [] [2001 c 81 § 13; 1994 c 92 § 171; 1991 c 208 § 17.]

RCW 31.04.202 Application of administrative procedure act.

The proceedings for denying license applications, issuing cease and desist orders, suspending or revoking licenses, and imposing civil penalties or other remedies under this chapter, and any review or appeal of such action, shall be governed by the provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

[2001 c 81 § 15.]

RCW 31.04.205 Enforcement of chapter -- Director's discretion -- Hearing -- Sanctions.

The director or designated persons may, at his or her discretion, take such action as provided for in this chapter to enforce this chapter. If the person subject to such action does not appear in person or by counsel at the time and place designated for any administrative hearing that may be held on the action, then the person shall be deemed to consent to the action. If the person subject to the action consents, or if after hearing the director finds by a preponderance of the evidence that any grounds for sanctions under this chapter exist, then the director may impose any sanction authorized by this chapter.

[2001 c 81 § 16.]

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WAC 208-620-030 Surety bond.

- (1) **Bond required.** Each licensee shall file and maintain a surety bond, approved by the director, and executed by the applicant as obligor and by a surety company authorized to do a surety business in this state as surety. The surety company may not be a wholly owned subsidiary or an affiliate of the licensee.
- (2) **Amount of bond.** The penal sum of the bond is one hundred thousand dollars for each branch office up to five branch offices. The amount of the bond is increased by ten thousand dollars for each additional branch office. For example:

Number of Branch Offices	Penal Sum of the Bond
1	\$100,000
2	\$200,000
3	\$300,000
4	\$400,000
5	\$500,000
6	\$510,000

(3) **Conditions on bond.** The bond shall run to the state as obligee for the use and benefit of the state and of any person or persons who may have a cause of action against the obligor under the act. The bond shall be conditioned that the obligor as licensee will faithfully conform to and abide by the act and all the rules adopted under the act. The bond will pay to the state and any person or persons having a cause of action against the obligor all moneys that may become due and owing to the state and those persons under and by virtue of the act.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.320.040, 31.04.045, [31.04].105, [31.04].145, [31.04].155 and [31.04].165. 96-04-013, § 208-620-030, filed 1/26/96, effective 2/26/96.]

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WAC 208-620-180 Examinations.

- (1) For the purpose of discovering violations of the act or this chapter or securing information lawfully required, the director or designee may investigate the loans and business of every licensee and of every person engaged in the business described in RCW 31.04.035. The director or designee may examine, wherever located, the records used in the business of every licensee and of every person who is engaged in the business described in RCW 31.04.035, whether the person acts or claims to act as principal or agent, or under or without the authority of this chapter. For that purpose the director or designee shall have access, at reasonable times during business hours, to the offices and places of business, records, safes, and vaults of all such persons. A licensee so examined shall pay to the director the cost of examining and supervising each licensed place of business at the rate specified in WAC 208-620-190(2).
- (2) The director or designee shall examine the affairs, business, office, and records of each licensee at least once each twenty-four months.
- [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.320.040 and 31.04.165. 99-22-047, § 208-620-180, filed 10/29/99, effective 11/29/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.320.040, 31.04.045, [31.04].105, [31.04].145,[31.04].155 and [31.04].165. 96-04-013, § 208-620-180, filed 1/26/96, effective 2/26/96.]

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WAC 208-620-190 Schedule of fees.

The director shall collect fees for services as specified below:

(1) Applications and certificates.

- (a) A charge of \$92.51 per hour for services plus actual expenses for review of application and attendant investigation for:
 - (i) New consumer loan company certificate of authority or licensed location certificate;
 - (ii) Branch licensed locations certificate;
 - (iii) Relocation of main office or branch;
 - (iv) Notice of change of control;
 - (v) Opinions rendered regarding interpretations of statutes and rules.
 - (b) A fee of \$102.79 for issuing the following certificates:
 - (i) Certificate of authority;
 - (ii) Licensed location certificate;
 - (iii) Certificate of good standing.
- (2) **Examinations.** A charge of \$66.81 per hour for regular and special examinations of the licensee's records. The director will submit a statement for the charges following the completion of any applicable examination. The charges must be paid within thirty days after the statement is submitted to the licensee.

(3) Annual assessment fee.

- (a) An annual assessment fee based on adjusted total loan value as defined in (b) of this subsection. The amount of the annual assessment fee is 0.000174529 multiplied by the adjusted total loan value as calculated from the consolidated annual report for the previous calendar year.
 - (b) The "adjusted total loan value" is the sum of:
- (i) The total unpaid balance of loans originated subject to the act that were retained or purchased by the licensee; and
- (ii) The total unpaid balance of loans originated subject to the act that were sold by the licensee with servicing retained (if any); and
- (iii) The total amount of loans originated subject to the act that were sold by the licensee during the previous calendar year with servicing released (if any).
- [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.44.410, 19.146.223, 19.146.225, 19.146.265, 31.04.165, 31.45.200. 01-12-029, § 208-620-190, filed 5/29/01, effective 7/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.320.040, 31.04.045, [31.04].105, [31.04].145, [31.04].155 and [31.04].165 . 96-04-013, recodified as § 208-620-190, filed 1/26/96, effective 2/26/96. Statutory Authority: 1991 c 208 § 17. 91-22-035, § 50-20-190, filed 10/30/91, effective 1/1/92.]

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