

Texas Municipal Implementation of Credit Access Business Regulation Ordinances

| City | # of Lenders | Ordinance Enacted | Registration Fee | Details |
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| Austin | 130-150 | Jan-12 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Office handles registration and regulation as well as consumer education |
| | | | | Also has zoning/land use ordinance |
| Martha Hernandez Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs | | | | Use existing FTEs. |
| 512/974-2466 | | | | Gave five months from passing ordinance to actively enforcing regulations |
| Martha.Hernandez@austintexas.gov | | | | Initially complaint driven process. Investigate not just paperwork, but also financial issues. In 2 years, only have fewer than 10 complaints. |
| | | | | Have seen drop from 160 CABs to about 134. Some have moved to ETJ. |
| | | | | Send letters of non-compliance first and have reasonable time to cure. |
| | | | | No cases taken to trial yet. All have been negotiated settlements. |
| | | | | Critical to offer consumers resources to refer to non-profits |
| Bryan | 10 | 8/1/2014 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Passed jointly with the City of College Station |
| | | | | Will enforce on complaint only, not through active audits |
| | | | | Registration & regulations will be through single office (Community Services Department) |
| | | | | Council passed ordinance in Feb. 2014, but didn't implement for 6 months to give staff time to create registration form, undergo training, update website, etc. |
| College Station | 5 | 08/27/14 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Passed jointly with the City of Bryan |
| | | | | Created consumer education documents & made available on website |
| David Brower | | | | Will enforce on complaint only, not through active audits |
| Community Development Office: (979) 764-3810 | | | | Registration & regulations will be through single office (Community Services Department) Council passed ordinance in Feb. 2014, but didn't implement for 6 months to give staff time to create registration form, undergo training, update website, etc. |
| Dallas | | 3/1/2011 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Dallas March 2011 land use ordinance (restriction from residential areas & highways). Effective immediately. |
| | | | | CABs had to get special use permits before receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. |
| The Honorable Jerry Allen City Council Member City of Dallas | | | | Dallas was sued, won in District Court and at Court of Appeals. |
| | | | | Since March 2011, no new payday or auto title business opened in Dallas. |
| 1500 Marilla Street Room 5FS1 | | | | June 2011 adopted the TML uniform ordinance. Went into effect January 1, 2012. |
| | | | | Compliance was complaint-driven. Complaints received via City's 3-1-1 system. If complaints were about rates or collections, they are automatically forwarded to a federal agency - the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. |
| Dallas, TX 7520 | | | | Created an audit program. CABs were given a warning notice first to correct problems before a fine was assessed. |
| 214-670-4068 | | | | No new staff hired. |
| | | | | Had 38 Cash America Pawn Shops shut down the payday lending part of their store in Dallas. |

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| | | | | Goal is to eventually establish community loan centers (Brownsville model) that limits interest to 18%. Need to attract capital to start loan centers. |
| Denton | <20 | 3/21/2013 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Registration at the City Planning Department |
| | | | | Police Department investigates alleged wrongdoings. |
| | | | | Multiple City departments can inspect and request for proof of registration certificate, including Police, Fire Inspectors, Code Enforcement Officers, and Building Inspectors. |
| Kurt Hansen Building Official 940/349-8362 kurt.hansen@cityofdenton.com | | | | \$50 non-refundable registration fee |
| | | | | Council gave 21 days from ordinance adoption to implementation |
| | | | | Implementation date is April 9, 2013 |
| | | | | Complaint driven and perform on-site inspections. |
| | | | No additional staff were hired. Existing staff were trained internally. | |
| | | | A few CABs ignore the ordinance, but were identified within the first six months and are now in compliance. | |
| El Paso | ~ 80 | January-14 | \$195 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Registration through one-stop shop |
| | | | | Granted a three month grace period for registration of credit access businesses |
| | | | | Will enforce on complaint only, not through active audits |
| Ms. Sol Cortez City Attorney's Office 915/212-0033 | | | | Municipal Court staff provided training for Code Enforcement staff |
| | | | | Enforcement to check on City certificate (phase 1), not on loan terms (phase 2) |
| | | | | One-stop shop staff are verifying registration with State (OCCC) |
| | | | | Use existing staff, no additional staff hired |
| | | | | Needed to update web portal for citizens to file complaints |
| | | | Are registering payday lenders, auto title lenders & pawn shops | |
| | | | Finding some stores don't have certificates of occupancy. | |
| | | | Council adopted zoning ordinance on 9/16/14 that prohibits payday lender and title-loan companies from operating in the same building as pawnshops | |
| San Antonio | 200 | 9/20/2012 | \$50 non-refundable annual registration fee per retail location | Rules went into effect 1/1/2013 |
| | | | | Registration is done at City Finance Office |
| Jim Burch Compliance Resolution 210/207-2705 james.burch@sanantonio.gov | | | | City notified businesses to be registered in October 2012, giving two months notice. |
| | | | | Are not performing on-site compliance inspections of CABs. |
| | | | | If complaints are filed about rate issues, information is forwarded to the City Attorney's office. |
| | | | | Applications must include: (1) complete registration, (2) certificate of occupancy, (3) license issued by the OCCC, (4) registration fee. |
| | | | | Enforcement history: Only about 9 credit access businesses with retail locations in the city limits have not registered |
| | | | | Some credit access businesses have moved out of the city and into the suburbs. |
| | | | Some credit access businesses have transferred loans from a retail location in the city to a sister organization outside of the city. | |
| | | | Website with consumer information, complaint form, registration checklist, etc. | |