

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2019-144A

Roy K. Dockum, Executive Director Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission 4334 N.W. Expressway, Suite 183 Oklahoma City, OK 73116 March 14, 2019

Dear Executive Director Dockum:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding actions that the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement with multiple licensees. Each licensee employed an unlicensed salesperson. The details of each violation are attached on Appendix A. The Board proposes to fine each licensee \$250 per unlicensed salesperson.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission to "impose a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars . . . against a dealer per occurrence" for several reasons, including "employ[ing] unlicensed salespersons . . . or other unlicensed persons in connection with the sale of new motor vehicles." 47 O.S.Supp.2018, § 565(A), (A)(7)(d). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that these actions advance the State's policy to require licensure of new motor vehicle salespersons.

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Appendix A

Dealership Name	License No.	Total Fine (\$250 per unlicensed salesperson)
Keystone Chevrolet-Sand Springs	216	\$1,250
Seth Wadley Auto Group-Pauls Valley	678	\$1,000
Blue Ribbon Chevrolet-Sallisaw	205	\$500
Stuteville Chevrolet-Durant	728	\$500
Ferguson Imports-Broken Arrow	256	\$500
Ferguson Subaru-Broken Arrow	889	\$250
Ferguson Buick GMC-Broken Arrow	257	\$250
Boomer Kia-Oklahoma City	863	\$250
Jaguar Land Rover-Tulsa	49	\$250
Joe Cooper Ford-Yukon	424	\$250
John Vance Motors-Guthrie	362	\$250
Mark Allen Chevrolet-Glenpool	878	\$250
Oklahoma City Volkswagen	902	\$250
Patriot CDJR-McAlester	919	\$250
Seth Wadley Chevrolet-Ada	871	\$250
Suburban Chevrolet-Claremore	33	\$250
Thompson Mitsubishi-OKC	904	\$250
Vance Country Ford-Guthrie	299	\$250
Suburban Chevrolet-Claremore Thompson Mitsubishi-OKC	33	\$250 \$250