

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2019-148A

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John W. Maile, Executive Director Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission 2401 N.W. 23rd Street, Suite 57 Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Dear Executive Director Maile:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission intends to take regarding used motor vehicle dealer applicant, G.C. The applicant submitted financial information in the application that shows that the applicant has inadequate resources to operate a used motor vehicles sales business. Further, the applicant does not have a location for his business and has no previous experience in the industry. The Board proposes to deny the application.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Commission to regulate the sale of used motor vehicles and license used motor vehicle dealers. 47 O.S.Supp.2018, § 582(E). The Commission requires information relating to an applicant's financial standing and may deny an application for licensure on satisfactory proof of unfitness. *Id.* §§ 583(B)(1)(a), (d); 584(A)(1). The Commission may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to ensure that only properly qualified applicants are licensed to act as used motor vehicle dealers.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the public by requiring that used motor vehicle dealers meet minimum licensing requirements.

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