

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:

Washington Federal Bank, National Association
Seattle, Washington

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) AA-WE-2021-28
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CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) has supervisory authority over Washington Federal Bank, National Association, Seattle Washington (“Bank”);

WHEREAS, the OCC intends to initiate civil money penalty proceedings against the Bank pursuant to section 102(f) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act, as amended (“Flood Act”) (42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)) for a pattern or practice of violation of the Flood Act and its implementing regulations, specifically 12 C.F.R. § 22.3(a);

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid additional costs associated with administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to the above matter, the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), consents to the issuance of this Consent Order (“Order”), by the OCC through the duly authorized representative of the Comptroller of the Currency (“Comptroller”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and the Bank, through its duly elected and acting of Board of Directors, stipulate and agree to the following:

ARTICLE I
JURISDICTION

(1) The Bank is a national banking association, chartered and examined by the Comptroller pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Bank is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2) and is a “regulated lending institution” as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. § 4003(a)(10).

(2) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 4003(a)(5) and 4012a(f), the Comptroller is the appropriate “Federal entity for lending regulation” to maintain an enforcement proceeding against the Bank for Flood Act violations.

ARTICLE II
ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

The Bank hereby consents, and the Comptroller orders that:

(1) The Bank shall make payment of a civil money penalty in the total amount of forty thousand and five hundred dollars (\$40,500), which shall be paid upon the execution of this Order.

(2) The Bank shall make payment in full by check made payable to the National Flood Insurance Program and shall deliver payment to: Kevin Montgomery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW, 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20472. The docket number of this action (AA-WE-2021-28) shall be entered on the check.

(3) The Bank shall submit a copy of the check to Daniel Prieve, Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1050 17th Street, Suite 1500, Denver, CO 80265.

(4) This Order shall be enforced to the same extent and in the same manner as an

effective and outstanding order that has been issued and has become final pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(h) and (i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a.

ARTICLE III

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- (1) The Bank, by executing and consenting to this Order, waives:
 - (a) any and all rights to the issuance of a Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818 and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4), and recognizes that the OCC letter dated March 22, 2021, from Norman McIntyre, Assistant Deputy Comptroller, constitutes a valid substitute Notice (“Notice Letter”);
 - (b) any and all procedural rights available in connection with the issuance of this Order;
 - (c) any and all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), 12 C.F.R. Part 19, and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4);
 - (d) any and all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of this Order;
 - (e) any and all claims for fees, costs, or expenses against the OCC, or any of its officers, employees, or agents related in any way to this enforcement matter or this Order, whether arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, including, but not limited to, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412;
 - (f) any and all rights to assert these proceedings, the consent to and/or the issuance of this Order, as the basis for a claim of double jeopardy in any

pending or future proceedings brought by the United States Department of Justice or any other governmental entity; and

(g) any and all rights to challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

(2) The Bank declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the Comptroller, his agents or employees, to cause or induce the Bank to agree to consent to the issuance of this Order and/or execute this Order.

(3) It is hereby agreed that the provisions of this Order constitute a settlement of the civil money penalty proceeding contemplated by the Comptroller on the basis of the Bank's violations of the Flood Act and regulations as described in this Order and in the Notice Letter. However, the specific violations described herein may be used by the Comptroller in future enforcement actions to establish a pattern or practice of misconduct or the continuation of a pattern or practice of misconduct.

(4) It is further agreed that the provisions of this Order shall not be construed as an adjudication on the merits, except as set forth in paragraph (3) of this Article, shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any action affecting the Bank if, at any time, he deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America.

(5) The Bank understands that nothing herein shall preclude any proceedings brought by the Comptroller to enforce the terms of this Order, and that nothing herein constitutes, nor shall the Bank contend that it constitutes, a waiver of any right, power, or authority of any representative of the United States or agencies thereof, including the Department of Justice, to bring other actions deemed appropriate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller as his duly authorized representative, has hereunto set her signature on behalf of the Comptroller.

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.16

Karen M. Bohler
Deputy Comptroller
Western District

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of Washington Federal Bank, National Association, have hereunto set their signatures on behalf of the Bank.

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.11	8/11/2021
_____ Brent Beardall	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.11	8/11/2021
_____ Linda S. Brower	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.12	8/12/2021
_____ Stephen M. Graham	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.12	8/12/2021
_____ David Grant	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.12	8/12/2021
_____ Thomas J. Kelley	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.12	8/12/2021
_____ Steve Singh	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.13	8/13/2021
_____ Barbara L. Smith	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.13	8/13/2021
_____ Mark N. Tabbutt	_____ Date
//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.13	8/13/2021
_____ Randy H. Talbot	_____ Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of Washington Federal Bank, National Association, have hereunto set their signatures of behalf of the Bank.

The following were appointed to the Board of Directors of Washington Federal Bank, National Association July 1, 2021:

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.12

8/12/2021

Sean Singleton

Date

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.13

8/13/2021

Sylvia Hampel

Date

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2021.08.13

8/13/2021

Shawn Bice

Date