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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Thomas Collins
16410 84th Street N NE #D111
Lake Stevens WA 98258

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A Thomas Collins Respondent.	PDC Case No. 14-128 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and **Order Imposing Fine**

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held July 8, 2014, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due April 15, 2014, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2013.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to Thomas Collins on June 9, 2014. Commission Member Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent did not participate at the hearing, and did not submit any written materials.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was an incumbent City Councilmember for the City of Granite Falls in 2013.

2. As a City Councilmember, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report no later than April 15, 2014.

3. The Respondent did not file the missing F-1 report by the date of the hearing.

4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.

2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report by April 15, 2014.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of $150 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-160, which is payable within 30 days of the date of this order.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 23rd day of July, 2014.

Public Disclosure Commission

Andrea M. Doyle

Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Kurt Young, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.

Kurt Young
Signed

July 23, 2014
Date

INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDERS, FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL ORDERS

APPEALS

REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

The presiding officer will issue an initial order following a brief enforcement hearing. Any party may request the Commission **review** an initial order. Parties seeking the review must:

- Make the request orally or in writing, stating the reason for review. *WAC 390-37-144.*
- Deliver the request so it is received at the Commission office within **TWENTY-ONE (21) BUSINESS DAYS** after the postmark date of the initial order.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on the request.

If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) business days, the initial order becomes a **final order** and the request will automatically be treated as a **request for reconsideration** of a final order (unless the party advises the Commission otherwise, such as by withdrawing the request). See more information on reconsideration below. If the request for review was an oral request, it must now be confirmed in writing. The matter will be scheduled before the full Commission as soon as practicable.

If the Commission does not receive a request for review within twenty-one (21) business days, the initial order will automatically become a **final order.** At that point, the Respondent is legally obligated to pay the penalty unless reconsideration has been sought or the matter has been timely appealed to Superior Court. *RCW 42.17A.755; RCW 34.05.470; RCW 34.05.570.*

RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDER – BY THE COMMISSION

Any party may ask the Commission to **reconsider** a final order. Parties seeking reconsideration must:

- Make the request in writing;
- Include the specific grounds or reasons for the request; and
- Deliver the request to the PDC office so it is received within **TWENTY-ONE (21) BUSINESS DAYS** of the date that the Commission serves this order upon the party. *WAC 390-37-150.* (Note that the date of service by the Commission on a party is considered the

date of mailing by U.S. mail if the order is mailed, or the date received if the order is personally served. RCW 34.05.010(19). The Commission orders are generally mailed via U.S. mail.)

Within twenty (20) business days after the petition for reconsideration is filed, the Commission may either act on the petition or notify the parties in writing of the date by which it will act. If neither of these events happens within twenty business days, the Commission is deemed to have denied the petition for reconsideration. *WAC 390-37-150.*

A Respondent is not required to ask the Commission to reconsider a final order before seeking judicial review by a superior court. *RCW 34.05.470(5).*

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

A **final order** issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to **judicial review** under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), chapter 34.05 RCW. *RCW 42.17A.755.* The procedures are provided in the APA at RCW 34.05.510 - .574.

ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL ORDERS

If **enforcement** of a final order is required, the Commission may seek to enforce a final order in superior court under RCW 42.17A.755 - .760, and recover legal costs and attorney's fees if a penalty remains unpaid and no petition for judicial review has been filed. This action will be taken without further order by the Commission.