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March 11, 2021

Ronnie Little  
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Renton WA 98058

And delivered electronically to “[rlittle@fd40.com](mailto:rlittle@fd40.com) and [ronnie751@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnie751@yahoo.com)”

Subject: PDC Order, Case 80252

Dear Ronnie Little,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission’s Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the February 25, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,500 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$1,5000 penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.

The \$1,500 penalty is payable no later than **April 10, 2021**. Please make the check or money order payable to the **WA State Treasurer**, and mail the payment to the following:

**Public Disclosure Commission  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908**

Please note that you owe previous outstanding penalties, in addition to the new penalty assessed pursuant to the enclosed Public Disclosure Commission’s Order Imposing Fine. These outstanding penalties have been sent to a collection agency. To pay past due penalties in full, please contact PMT Solutions (a collection agency) directly at 425-882-4800, provide your name and PDC Case #s 16-039, 16-127, and 25923.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019 within 30 days of the date of the enclosed order.

If you have questions, please contact us by email at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend*

Tabitha Townsend  
Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure: Initial Order

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7 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**  
8 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re the Matter of Enforcement Action  
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 80252

11 RONNIE LITTLE,

FINAL ORDER

12 Respondent.  
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14 **I. INTRODUCTION**

15 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
16 (Commission) on February 25, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access. The hearing  
17 was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

18 Commissioners present were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis,  
19 Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing and Russell Lehman. Also  
20 present were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant  
21 Attorney General Chad Standifer representing Commission staff, and Tabitha Townsend,  
22 Compliance Coordinator, on behalf of PDC Staff. Respondent Ronnie Little did not appear on  
23 her own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation  
24 20-28 *et seq.* and recorded.

25 The hearing concerned allegations that Ronnie Little (Respondent) violated RCW  
26 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report)

1 disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2019 that was due no later than April  
2 15, 2020.

3 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 4 ○ Case Memorandum for PDC Case No. 80252 prepared by Tabitha Townsend and dated  
5 February 17, 2021;
- 6 ○ Exhibit 1: F-1 report for calendar year 2018, dated February 28, 2019;
- 7 ○ Exhibit 2: Brief Hearing Notice for PDC Case No. 25923, dated February 2, 2018;
- 8 ○ Exhibit 3: Full Hearing Notice for PDC Case No. 25923, dated February 16, 2018;
- 9 ○ Exhibit 4: F-1 report for calendar year 2017, dated March 5, 2018;
- 10 ○ Exhibit 5: Full Hearing Notice for PDC Case No. 80252, dated February 12, 2021;
- 11 ○ Exhibit 6: Order Imposing Fine for PDC Case No. 25923, dated February 27, 2018.

## 12 13 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 1. Ronnie Little is an incumbent Fire Commissioner for King County Fire  
15 Protection District #40. She has served in this position since 2009 and her current term expires  
16 December 31, 2021.

17 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official is required to file  
18 a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activities for calendar  
19 year 2019 no later than April 15, 2020. To date, the Respondent has failed to file the report.

20 3. On March 5, 2018, Ms. Little filed her F-1 report covering calendar year 2017.

21 4. On February 28, 2019, Ms. Little filed her F-1 report covering calendar year 2018.

22 5. Between February and April of 2020, PDC staff sent all elected and appointed  
23 officials six email reminders regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2019.

24 6. PDC staff emailed reminders that the deadline of April 15, 2020, had been missed  
25 on April 22, 2020, April 29, 2020, and May 5, 2020.

7. On February 12, 2021, PDC staff served the Respondent by electronic mail with a hearing notice for a February 25, 2021, Adjudicative Proceeding before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning the failure to file the F-1 report.

7. Prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700:

a) First Violation, PDC Case No. 16-039:

- The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2014, which was due no later than April 15, 2015.
- On July 30, 2015 an Order Imposing Fine was entered for violation of RCW 42.17A700 and a civil penalty was assessed for \$150.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the civil penalty.

**b) Second Violation, PDC Case No. 16-127:**

- The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report and on August 15, 2015, an Order Imposing Fine was entered for violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and a civil penalty was assessed of \$150.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the civil penalty.

c) Third Violation, PDC Case No. 25923:

- The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2016, which was due no later than April 17, 2017.
- On February 27, 2018, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) was held before the full Commission, in which the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for failing to file an F-1 report, which was due no later than April 17, 2017.
- To date the Respondent has not paid the \$1,000 civil penalty or filed the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2016.

8. Staff recommended at the February 25, 2021, hearing a civil penalty of \$1,500 pursuant to the penalty schedule in WAC 390-37-182.

### III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative

1 Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

2 2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and hearing testimony, the  
3 Commission concludes:

- 4 a. Ronnie Little violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file F-1 financial  
5 reports for the year 2019.

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7 **IV. ORDER**

8 Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that:

- 9 1. Respondent Ronnie Little is assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,500 which shall  
10 be paid within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- 11 2. The missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019 shall be filed within 30 days of the  
12 date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to comply with the filing of the F-1  
13 report or fails to make timely payment of the civil penalties, PDC staff may send  
14 the amounts due for collection without further action by the Commission.

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16 So ORDERED this \_11th\_ day of March, 2021.

17 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
18 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

19 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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21 Fred Jarrett  
22 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

23 *Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:*

24 Ronnie Little, Respondent  
[ronnie751@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnie751@yahoo.com);

25 Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator, PDC Staff  
[pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)

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2 I, \_\_\_Tabitha Townsend\_\_\_, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/  
3 Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.

4 Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend  
5 Signed

March 11, 2021  
Date

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8 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

9 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for  
10 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon  
11 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.  
12 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,  
13 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

14 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

15 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for  
16 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final  
17 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of  
18 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.  
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