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December 22, 2021

Craig D. Houston
2316 E 16th St
Bremerton WA 98310

And delivered electronically to craigdhouston@me.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 95340

Dear Craig D. Houston,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the August 12, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, of which \$200 was suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The order dated December 22, 2021 supersedes the previous order issued on September 15, 2021. The new order shows the accurate penalty of \$300 of which \$150 is suspended in accordance with WAC 390-37-143.

The \$150 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order. 30 days from this current order is January 21, 2022.

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

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Initial Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

PDC Case 95340

Craig D. Houston,

Respondent.

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Craig D. Houston dated July 14, 2021, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on August 12, 2021, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), disclosing personal financial information for the preceding twelve months, which were due to be filed within two weeks of candidacy or no later than June 4, 2021.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commissioners Fred Jarrett and Nancy Isserlis were the Presiding Officers. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend and Tabatha Blacksmith, and Jennifer Hansen, Political Finance Officer. The Respondent not participate in the hearing or submit any written materials.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is/was a candidate for CITY COUNCIL MEMBER of CITY OF BREMERTON.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file C-1 and F-1 reports by June 4, 2021.
3. The Respondent did file the C-1 report prior to the date of the enforcement hearing.
4. The Respondent did file the F-1 report prior to the date of the enforcement hearing.
5. 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.205 by failing to file the C-1 report by June 4, 2021.
3. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report by June 4, 2021.

ORDER

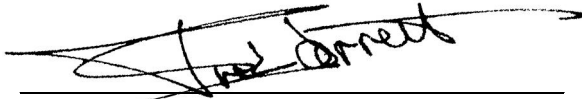
ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$300 of which \$150 is suspended, in accordance with the candidate C-1 & F-1 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.
2. **It is further ordered that the Respondent:**
 - a. **Pay the \$150 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the \$150 within 30 days, PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections in the full assessed penalty amount of \$300.**
3. **It is further ordered that \$150 of the \$300 penalty is suspended on the following conditions:**
 - a. **The Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.**
 - b. **The non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$150) is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the non-suspended penalty of \$150 within 30 days, the suspended portion of the penalty (\$150) shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections in the full assessed penalty amount of \$300.**

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

Entered this 22nd day of December 2021.

Public Disclosure Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Jarrett", is written over a horizontal line.

Fred Jarrett

Public Disclosure Commission, Chair

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein, and by email.

Electronically Signed Tabitha Townsend
Signed

December 22, 2021

Date