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December 22, 2021

Dennise Butler
215 Mosman Ave SE
Yelm, WA 98597

And delivered electronically to dennisewood@comcast.net and wood101@comcast.net

Subject: PDC Order, Case 95345

Dear Dennise Butler,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order, which amends the original order, dated September 13, 2021, 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. However, we later learned that your last name was listed incorrectly on the original order.

The attached Order dated December 22, 2021 amends and supersedes the Order issued on September 13, 2021.

- Our records show that you have already paid the \$300 non-suspended penalty, which was received by the PDC on October 7, 2021.
- We received your C-1 report on September 30, 2021 and your F-1 report on October 5, 2021.

If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Amended Initial Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Dennise Butler,

Respondent.

PDC Case 95345

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

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Dennise Butler, 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 and .700 by failing to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) and 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. Commission staff were represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend and Tabatha Blacksmith and Jennifer Hansen, Political Finance Officer. The Respondent did 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 or was a candidate for MAYOR of CITY OF YELM.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file C-1 and F-1 reports by June 4, 2021.
3. The Respondent did not file the C-1 report by the date of the enforcement hearing.
4. The Respondent did not file the F-1 report by 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

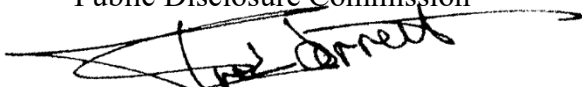
ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, of which \$200 is suspended, in accordance with the candidate C-1 and F-1 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**
2. **It is further ordered that the Respondent:**
 - a. **Pay the \$300 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the \$300 within 30 days, PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections.**
 - b. **File the missing C-1 report within 30 days of the date of this Order.**
 - c. **File the missing F-1 report within 30 days of the date of this Order.**
3. **It is further ordered that \$200 of the \$500 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 (\$300) 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 \$300 within 30 days, the full penalty amount (\$500) shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections.**

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

Entered this 22nd day of December 2021.

Public Disclosure Commission



Fred Jarrett

Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective email address on the date stated herein.

Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith December 22, 2021

Signed

Date