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August 11, 2022

Chris Loving
711 S Section St
Burlington, WA 98233

And delivered electronically to cloving2003@yahoo.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109726

Dear Chris Loving,

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

At the July 28, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, of which \$100 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$400 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **September 12, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

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

It is also ordered that you file missing F-1 reports disclosing financial information for 2020 and 2021 within 30 days of this order, which is **September 12, 2022**.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding \$250 civil penalty plus fees from your prior violation (PDC Case 93973).

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 Tabatha Blacksmith
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 109726

FINAL ORDER

11 CHRIS W. LOVING,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on July 28, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent Chris
17 W. Loving was provided notice on July 14, 2022 of the hearing date. The hearing was held in
18 accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

19 Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission
20 Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William
21 Downing, Allen Hayward, and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present both telephonically and online
22 were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant
23 Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC
24 Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he did not appear on his
25 own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-
26 25 *et seq.* and recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

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- 3 1. Case memorandum dated July 28, 2022, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated July 14, 2022;
- 6 3. Initial Order for prior violation, PDC Case 93973, served August 12, 2021.
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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 The matter involves Respondent Chris W. Loving, a former City Council Member for

10 the City of Burlington. Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to

11 timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure

12 Commission no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial information for the calendar year

13 2021. The Respondent has an outstanding penalty balance from one prior violation with the

14 PDC of \$250.

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- 16 1. In March and April of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and
- 17 appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
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- 19 2. On May 11, 2022, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding
- 20 the missing F-1 report to his email address of record.
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- 22 3. On July 14, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail, with a
- 23 hearing notice for a July 28, 2022, Enforcement Hearing, along with instructions
- 24 on how to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full Public Disclosure
- 25 Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.
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2 4. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report
3 covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
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5 5. The past due F-1 Report for 2020 has not been filed as of the date of this hearing
6 and the \$250 civil penalty has not been paid.
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8 6. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
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- 10 • PDC Case 93973. At a July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing
11 The Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and
12 assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to file a F-1 report that was due
13 no later than April 15, 2021. As of July 28, 2022, Respondent has
14 not paid the outstanding civil penalty nor has he filed the missing
15 F-1 report.
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17 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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19 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
20 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
21 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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23 3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office
24 in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for
25 calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.
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III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$500 for the outstanding F-1 Report for calendar year 2021 with \$100 suspended on the following conditions:

1. a. The \$400 non-suspended portion of the civil penalty due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- b. The past due civil penalties for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020, in violation of RCW 42.17A.700, totaling \$250 plus costs is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- c. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021 are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- d. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and 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 Final 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

1 technical correction.

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- 3 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within
- 4 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar
- 5 year 2021 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection
- 6 or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the
- 7 Commission.

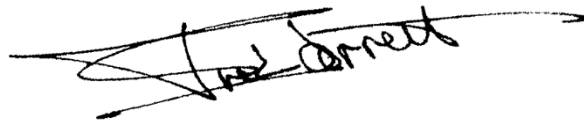
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9 SO ORDERED this 11th day of August 2022.

10 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC

11 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

12 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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14 Fred Jarrett,
15 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

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17 *This order sent by email to:*

18 Chris W. Loving, Respondent
19 Cloving2003@yahoo.com

20 Tabatha Blacksmith,
21 PDC Compliance Coordinator
22 tabatha.blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov

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I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I mailed and emailed a
copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
mailing and email addresses.

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith Aug. 11, 2022
Signed Date

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2 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

3 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
4 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
5 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
6 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
7 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

8 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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