



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

711 Capitol Way Rm. 206, PO Box 40908 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0908 • (360) 753-1111 • FAX
(360) 753-1112 Toll Free 1-877-601-2828 • E-mail: pdc@pdc.wa.gov • Website: www.pdc.wa.gov

BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Scott Thomas
14911 276th Place NE
Duvall WA 98019

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Scott Thomas

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-330

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

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held August 1, 2013, 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) covering the 12 months preceding the date the Respondent became a candidate for election in 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 Scott Thomas on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent participated by telephone and provided sworn testimony to the Presiding Officer at the hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for City Councilmember in the City of Duvall in 2013.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report within two weeks of the date the Respondent filed a declaration of candidacy, or no later than May 31, 2013.
3. The Respondent had not filed the missing F-1 report as of the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

5. The Respondent stated that he had activated the electronic filing application for the F-1 report sometime in June of 2013, and he thought at the time that he had filed the report. He stated that he was not aware that the F-1 report was in a "pending" status.
6. The Respondent stated that when he received the hearing notice he became aware of the need to complete a signature authorization card. He stated that he attempted to contact staff on several occasions concerning the "pending" status, but was not successful. He stated once he spoke with staff, he finally understood the filing process and completed the F-1 signature authorization card, which he mailed to the PDC the day before the hearing.

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, which was due to be filed no later than May 31, 2013.

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 390-37-165, of which \$100 is suspended on the following conditions:

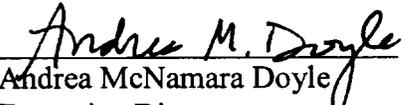
- (1) Respondent submits the F-1 signature authorization card within 30 days of the date of this order, releasing the F-1 report;**
- (2) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within two years of the date of this order; and**
- (3) The \$50 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of this order.**

If the Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

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

Entered this 16 day of August, 2013.

Public Disclosure Commission


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Jacob Berkey, 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.

Signed



Date

8/19/13