# BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 24	-002
)	Final Order No. XXX	
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#### FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, on its own motion, meeting in public session on April 25, 2025, in the matter of Reinaldo Diaz (Appellant), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a City Commissioner for the City of Lake Worth Beach, a position requiring the filing of a 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2024, the designated due date for submitting a 2023 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2024, with a grace period ending on September 3, 2024.
- 2. On June 14, 2024, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant an e-mail to rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov informing him of his need to file his CE Form 1 on or before July 15, 2024, and instructing him on how to file that the CE Form 1 electronically.
- 3. On June 20, 2025, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant an email to rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov that contained the order (Extension No. 24-15) explaining an

extension of the filing deadline granted by the Chair of the Commission to elected municipal officers and mayors. For those individuals, the new deadline to file CE Form 1 was July 15, 2024. The email also noted that the last day of the grace period for late filing the CE Form 1 was September 3, 2024, after which, pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, automatic fines of \$25 dollars per day late would be assessed up to the statutory maximum of \$1,500.

- 4. On August 5, 2024, August 12, 2024, August 19, 2024, and August 26, 2024, the Commission sent Appellant an e-mail to rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov advising Appellant his Form 1 had not been received by the Commission. These e-mails further informed Appellant of a grace period that would end on September 3, 2024; after September 3, 2024, a fine of \$25 per each day late would be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500, pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.
- 5. On September 6, 2024, and weekly thereafter, the Commission on Ethics e-mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. These eight e-mails were all sent to the rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov e-mail address.
- 6. On January 10, 2025, the Commission mailed Appellant a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine. The notice was sent by Certified Mail with Electronic Return Receipt to the 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Fl. 33460 address (Tracking Number: 92148901066154000203091870). The envelope contained the notices pertaining to the CE Form 1 2022 and 2023 Assessments of Automatic Fines. The notices indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$1,500 (\$25 per day for 60 days late), for each form year, and provided that the Commission must receive any appeals of the fines by February 10, 2025. Appellant admits to receiving the notice pertaining to 2022 CE Form 1, but he denies receiving the notice for the 2023 CE Form1, which is the formal issue in this appeal.

- 7. On February 11, 2025, a member of the Commission's staff contacted Appellant via phone. At that time, Appellant stated that the envelope containing the notices was accepted and signed for in his absence by a member of his staff and placed on Appellant's desk. Appellant states that he first saw the notice for the 2022 CE Form 1, likely, in the first week of February, but stated that he had not received a notice for 2023 CE Form 1. Appellant further states that the reason for delay in personally receiving the envelope containing the notices was due to health issues that kept him out of the office for several weeks. The Commission's staff member assisted Appellant in updating certain information in his profile and also further advised him on how to submit appeals for both form years.
- 8. On February 13, 2025, Appellant submitted his 2023 CE Form 1 to the Commission on Ethics, 163 days late.
- 9. On February 13, 2025, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of his automatic fine for Form Year 2023. Appellant appealed by letter and stated these reasons for his failure to timely file his 2023 Form 1:

As in the other appeal, as a renter I've moved around quite a bit, as a result I didn't receive previous mailings. Then as some might say, life happens. I suppose a variety of reasons worked together making life a bit hectic, including having a baby, and it simply slipped my mind buried in the chaos. Eventually [Commission Staff Member] reached me by calling my cell phone, which I very much appreciated the reminder. He has been very helpful."

Appellant further stated that he receives many emails to his official account, and that he must have missed all of the of emails sent by the Commission.

#### Conclusions of Law

9. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

10. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

## 11. Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes, states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

- 12. This appeal was filed on February 13, 2025, three days late. Appellant explained that he appealed late because he was not the individual in his office who signed for the letter containing the form year 2022 and 2023 notices containing his appellate rights, and that he only viewed the 2022 notice in early February, due to a prolonged illness and hospitalization that had kept him from the office where the notices had been mailed. Appellant also claims that he did not receive the 2023 notice at that time. The first day that the Commission can be certain that Appellant was given notice of his right to appeal the automatic assessment of fine related to his late filing of 2023 CE Form 1 is February 11, during his phone conversation with a member of the Commission's staff. Appellant filed both delinquent forms and the appeals for both filing years, 3 days later. As such, the Commission accepts the 2023 Appeal of Automatic Fines as timely.
- 13. Here, Appellant claims he never received notice of his requirement to file a 2023 CE Form 1, because his address changed, However, as of January 1, 2024, notices were sent

electronically to the email on file with the commission, which is acknowledged to be Appellant's official email address, rdiaz@lakeworthbeach.gov. Section 112.3144(8)(f)2. specifically notes that a financial disclosure filer's "failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address" does not amount to "unusual circumstances" that would justify waiving a fine for failure to file by the due date. However, here, Appellant's actions amount to a "failure to monitor an e-mail account." Given that many emails were sent to Appellant at the correct email address on file, eight of which were sent prior to the end of the filing grace period, this appears to amount to a failure to monitor his email address. Because Appellant did not monitor his official email address that was on file with the Commission or at any time prior to his conversation the Commission's staff member on February 11, 2025, and did not update his email address to one that he preferred for this purpose, there are not "unusual circumstances" here that justify waiving the \$1,500 fine.

#### <u>Order</u>

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to file have not been demonstrated. We therefore affirm the assessed fine of \$1,500. The fine shall be paid to the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, within 30 days of the date this order is rendered, unless other payment arrangements are made by contacting Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Program Administrator, at the address above or by telephone at (850) 488-7864.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on April 25, 2025.

Date Rendered

Luis M. Fusté

Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

LMF: mdt

Reinaldo Diaz 504 South K Street Lake Worth Beach, Fl. 33460

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# STATE OF FLORIDA **COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: (850) 488-7864 Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

# APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2023

**DIRECTIONS:** The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

IMPORTANT: TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

#### PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics

P.O. Drawer 15709

Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics

325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax:

(850) 488-3077

Email:

disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION			
City: Lake Worth Beach	State: FL	Zip: 33460	
Cell: (561) 707-289	7		
Filer ID# (if kno	own):		
	City: Lake Worth Beach  Cell: (561) 707-289		

# PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

- a. [ ] **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
- b. [ ] **Technological issue** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that an issue with technology, such as an unexpected lack of access to the Internet or a power outage, prevented timely filing)
- c. [ ] Left public position prior to December 31, 2023 (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2023)
- d. [ Other unusual circumstance (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing)
- e. [ ] Not required to file (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

# PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

As in the other appeal, as a renter I've moved around quite a bit, as a result I didn't receive previous mailings.

Then as some might say, life happens. I suppose a variety of reasons worked together making life a bit hectic, including having a

baby, and it simply slipped my mind buried in the chaos. Eventually investigator Ronald Maolli reached me by calling my cell phone, which I very much appreciated the reminder. He has been really helpful.

# OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

[ ] In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)2 or Section 112.3145(8)(f)2, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

# **SIGNATURE**

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

February 13, 2025

**DATE** 

SIGNATURE

# Terry, Michael

From: Reinaldo Diaz <rdiaz@LakeWorthBeachfl.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 12:33 PM

**To:** Terry, Michael

**Subject:** RE: Your Financial Disclosure Fine Appeals

Michael,

Hello and thank you for taking this on.

Regarding the January 10 certified letter. I don't know when it was delivered. I didn't sign for it, I'm sure someone on our staff did. I don't even know when it made it to my office. I received it weeks after in February (apologies I don't remember the exact day but probably the first week of February) because around the time the letter was sent I was in the hospital with sepsis getting an emergency appendectomy. After spending several days in the hospital I was unavailable recovering from the surgery at home for a few weeks. I'm currently still not to 100% recovered but much better than I was then. The surgeon said it would take a few months for me to get back to normal. And honestly the letter was in a pile on my desk and I don't think I opened it until days after. As you can imagine, being out for a few weeks has put me really behind on work significantly adding to my to do list and anxiety.

Shortly after that on February 11th Ron Moalli the investigator connected with me by phone. He was very helpful. He realized much of my contact info like my home address was not correct so he was able to update all that and help me through the process.

I haven't received the second letter you mentioned to the office (regarding the 2023 report). I did receive just a couple days ago a letter confirming the appeal submissions at my home address that you now currently have.

I wish I had a better answer for emails, honestly I get hundreds of emails a day making this not the most effective means of important communication. I'm sure I received emails but I can't remember going through them as they were probably lost in the mix of everything else.

Honestly this whole thing is embarrassing. Now going through this I realize that I know this requirement. At least a couple of years ago our commission used to have an assistant, at some point I'm pretty sure I filled out a printed form that she had me fill out, but I cannot remember the details since it's been so long. She doesn't work with us anymore. And currently we have someone from our clerk's office helping out although not to the same extent. Other than that, as they say life gets hectic. Between commission work, other work, and especially over the last year and 7 months being a new work from home father, it's just been really hectic. Throw on top of that a number of serious health issues, including the sepsis episode, and it's just a little too easy to overlook once a year deadlines.

I think adding to the confusion, I can say for certain I've discussed with various people the upcoming Form 6, but specifically how it is, to my understanding on hold due to a court case. I guess I should've understood that something was still in place.

I don't want to offer any excuses, now I know I should've known better. But life sometimes can be tough to manage. I would very much appreciate any help regarding the fine. As my family lives on my wife's public school teacher salary and my city commissioner pay which is miniscule. On top of the tremendous added healthcare costs I just got the bill for.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me. And also just wanted to make sure you have my mobile number: 561-707-2897 which is the best way to reach me as my city phone's voicemail is often at its capacity.

# Reinaldo Diaz Commissioner | District 4



City of Lake Worth Beach 7 North Dixie Highway Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

Mobile: 561-707-2759 Phone: 561-586-1734 rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov www.lakeworthbeachfl.gov

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CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH E-MAIL DISCLAIMER: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from local officials regarding city business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

From: Terry, Michael <TERRY.MICHAEL@leg.state.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:54 AM

To: reyd.diaz@gmail.com

**Cc:** Reinaldo Diaz < rdiaz@LakeWorthBeachfl.gov> **Subject:** Your Financial Disclosure Fine Appeals

Caution: This is an external email. Do not click links or open attachments from unknown or unverified sources.

Hello Mr. Diaz,

My name is Michael Terry and I am an attorney with the Florida Commission on Ethics. I am writing in regard to the Financial Disclosure appeals that you filed on February 13<sup>,</sup> 2025, for the reporting years 2022, and 2023. I am sending this e-mail to you in an effort to gather more information about your Financial Disclosure Fine appeal. If I do not hear back from you by Wednesday, March 5, 2025, the Commission will decide your appeal without the additional information that is being requested.

First, let me begin with reporting year 2022.

- On January 10, 2025 we sent you a notice by certified mail to your offices at city hall that was to serve as a
  reminder that you had been assessed the maximum fine of \$1500 for failure to file the CE Form 1 2022. This
  letter also included information about how and when to appeal this fine. Can you just confirm, as you indicated
  previously, that you received this letter?
- The letter would have also indicated that the date by which an appeal must be filed would be by February 10, 2025. Can you offer any reason or explanation for your late filing of your appeal?

Next, lets' look at reporting year 2023.

• Multiple emails were sent throughout 2024 to the email address on file with the commission informing you that you had not filed your CE Form 1 2023. Also, a letter was sent similar to the one above to your office. The date by which the appeal was to be received for this appeal was also February 10, 2025. Can you offer any reason or explanation for your late filing of your appeal?

I look forward to your response and hope to have this information to include in the processing and review of your appeals. If you have any questions, please reach out at the phone number below.

Regards,



Michael D. Terry

Ethics Attorney
Florida Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

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### **General Information**

Name:

Mr Reinaldo Diaz

PID 301915

#### AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization

Suborganization

Title

Lake Worth Beach

Mayor And City Commission

Chair/City Commissioner

District 4

# **Primary Sources of Income**

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity
This section not amended by filer.		

# **Secondary Sources of Income**

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source
This section not amended by			
filer.			

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")	
Location/Description	
This section not amended by filer.	

# **Intangible Personal Property**

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates
This section not amended by filer.	

### Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor
This section not amended by filer.	

# **Interests in Specified Businesses**

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

#### **Business Entity #1**

This section not amended by filer.

Training
This section applies only to an appointed school superintendent, an elected municipal officer, or a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163, each of whom are required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to Section 112.3142, F.S.
✓ I certify that I have completed the required training under Section 112.3142, F.S.
Required training under Section 112.3142, F.S., not applicable to filer for this form year.
Amendment Reason
Explanation of changes why are you amending your previous form 1 submission?  Completed the training.
Signature of Filer
Reinaldo Diaz
Digitally signed: <b>02/13/2025</b>

Filed with COE: 02/13/2025

**General Information** 

Name:

Mr Reinaldo Daniel Diaz

PID 301915

**AGENCY INFORMATION** 

Organization

Suborganization

Title

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# **Disclosure Period**

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

# **Primary Sources of Income**

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity
City of Lake Worth Beach	7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460	City Commissioner pay

# **Secondary Sources of Income**

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source
N/A			

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REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/Description

N/A

# **Intangible Personal Property**

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates
N/A	

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Nelnet	121 South 13th Street, Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68508		
Interests in Specified Busi	nesses		
INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (If you have nothing to report, write	S (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses) e "none" or "n/a")		
Business Entity # 1			
N/A			
Training			
The state of the s	inted school superintendent, an elected municipal officer, or a commissioner of a created under Part III, Chapter 163, each of whom are required to complete annual ethics 42, F.S.		
☐ I certify that I have completed th	ne required training under Section 112.3142, F.S.		
Required training under Section	112.3142, F.S., not applicable to filer for this form year.		

# Signature of Filer

# Reinaldo Diaz

Digitally signed: 02/13/2025

Filed with COE: 02/13/2025

#### BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Reinaldo Diaz
Chair/City Commissioner District 4
Mayor And City Commission
Lake Worth Beach

PID#: 301915

#### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2023 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2024. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 3, 2024. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, up to the maximum fine of \$1,500.00 (60 days late), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes

Inasmuch as your 2023 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Commission on Ethics within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 3, 2024), you have accrued the maximum fine amount of \$1,500.00. This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

#### **HOW TO APPEAL**

- 1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
- 2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, P. O. <u>Drawer 15709</u>, <u>Tallahassee</u>, <u>FL 32317-5709</u>, or delivered to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, <u>325 John Knox Road</u>, <u>Building E, Suite 200</u>, <u>Tallahassee</u>, <u>FL 32303</u>. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
- 4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Commission on Ethics on or before <u>February 10</u>, <u>2025</u>. <u>NOTE</u>: Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
- 5. UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by Scptember 3, 2024, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
  - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
  - b. LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS): documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;

- c. LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME): documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;
- d. CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. NOTE: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
- e. LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023: confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2023;
- f. UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL: if deliquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
- 6. YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING: You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

#### FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of you salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Mr Reinaldo Diaz 7 N Dixie Hwy Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 -3725

by Certified Mail on this Friday, January 10, 2025.

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KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

-or-

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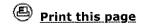
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Florida Commission on Ethics 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Filer Reinaldo Diaz called at tel # 561-586-1734, voicemail left to call the COE.

From: "Ethics FDMS Info"

**Sent:** 08/05/2024

To: rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

Subject: Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) Not Received

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Your 2023 Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, due July 15, 2024 has not been received by the Florida Commission on Ethics. Persons serving as of December 31, 2023 are required to file this year. Failure to timely file may result in fines, removal from public office or employment, or an Ethics complaint. Do not delay. File your disclosure right away!

After September 3, 2024, a fine of \$25 for each day late will be assessed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500 (60 days late). In addition, pursuant to law, the Commission on Ethics must initiate investigations of delinquent filers in certain circumstances. This can

result in you being removed from your public office or employment. See Section 112.3145(9)(c), F.S.

Log in to EFDMS <a href="https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login">https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login</a> to complete and submit your form **no later than September 3, 2024.** All notices and communications from the Florida Commission on Ethics regarding your filing requirement, due date(s), as well as FAQ's and tutorials are available from your filer dashboard. **If you have not already registered in** 

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### If you left your position in 2024:

Even if you left the position noted in the EFDMS filer dashboard during 2024, you are required to file for 2023 this year. If you left your position during 2024, you may also need to file a Form 1F, Final Statement of Financial Interests, covering a portion of the year 2024.

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From: "Ethics FDMS Info"

Sent: 06/20/2024

**To:** rdiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

Subject: Order Granting Extension to File 2023 CE Form 1

BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Reinaldo Diaz.

Extension No. 24-

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION TO FILE 2023 CE FORM 1  Prior to June 10, 2024, the above-referenced individual was required to file a 2023 CE Form 6, Full and Publisherests, by July 1, 2024. On June 10, 2024, a federal court issued a preliminary injunction ordering the Compange the 2023 filing requirement for the elected members of the governing bodies of municipalities and mayor Statement of Financial Interests. That disclosure would have been due on July 1, 2024, with a grace period unit	mission on Ethics to ors to a 2023 CE Form 1,
However, in recognition of the recent court order, the Chair of the Commission on Ethics, has granted a 14-members of the governing bodies of municipalities and mayors <b>who have not yet filed any 2023 financial</b> discluding the above-named individual.	
Therefore, the above-referenced individual is <b>HEREBY GRANTED</b> an extension of 14 days to file his or her above-referenced individual must file his or her 2023 CE Form 1 <b>by July 15, 2024</b> . Pursuant to Section 112.3 failure to file by September 3, 2024, will result in an assessed fine of \$25 per day late, up to a maximum of \$1, are available to answer any questions about the 2023 CE Form 1 and the electronic filing system.	145, Florida Statutes,
DONE AND ORDERED this 14th day of June, 2024, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.	
cc: Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Program Administrator	
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From: "Ethics FDMS Info"

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Subject: Official Notification to File Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests

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According to our records, you are required to complete a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, in order to satisfy your obligation to file financial disclosure. State officers, local officers, and specified state employees serving as of December 31, 2023 (and persons elected in 2023 whose terms began this year) are required to file this year. **Even if you left the position during 2024, you are required to file disclosure for the year 2023 using the e-filing system.** 

If you believe you were sent this notice in error, contact the financial disclosure coordinator for your agency, who provided your name and position as meeting the criteria for filing disclosure. In order to remove your name from the official list, the agency coordinator must submit documentation to our office. To find your agency's coordinator go to our website, <a href="www.ethics.state.fl.us">www.ethics.state.fl.us</a>, click on the "Financial Disclosure" tab, then "Coordinator Information" to search for your agency's coordinator.

#### WHEN TO FILE:

<u>Mayors and elected members of the governing body of a municipality</u> who have not yet filed any 2023 financial disclosure form, must file on or before <u>July 15, 2024.</u>

Although the usual financial disclosure deadline for annual filers is July 1 each year, the Chair of the Commission on Ethics has granted a two-week (14-day) extension of the July 1 filing requirement for mayors and elected members of the governing body of a municipality who have not yet filed any 2023 financial disclosure form. This extension is being granted in recognition of the recent court order changing your filing requirement from a Form 6 to a Form 1. This will allow you time to familiarize yourself with the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) and its implementation of Form 1, which has different instructions and requirements than the Form 6. You will receive an order granting the 14-day extension of your Form 1 filing requirement in the coming days.

#### **» HOW TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY:**

This is the first time your Form 1 will be filed electronically with the Florida Commission on Ethics via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). The form cannot be filed on paper. If you have not already registered in EFDMS, visit <a href="https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/">https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/</a>. Click the "I am a Filer" button, and then the "Request Registration Email" button. Enter your email address where this official notice was received. Once you register and create a username and password, you can log into EFDMS to electronically complete and file your Form 1.

**Before you file electronically, visit** <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Ethics/Tips.pdf?cp=202442">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Ethics/Tips.pdf?cp=202442</a> for important information and tips about filing electronically this year.

**FAILURE TO FILE** the annual disclosure form by September 3, 2024, triggers <u>automatic fines</u> of \$25.00 for each late day. In addition, pursuant to law, the Commission on Ethics must initiate investigations of delinquent filers in certain circumstances. This can result in your being removed from your public office or employment. See Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes. You may also be subject to a complaint being filed, resulting in penalties as outlined in Section 112.317, Florida Statutes.

**QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE?** Your electronically filed 2023 Form 1 can be used for qualifying purposes by printing the Verification and Receipt of Filing from your EFDMS Filer Dashboard.

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<<2024 Form Year

Status

Filing: Preannual

Fine: No Fine

Flags

**Public Address** 

Filing Extensions

Indefinite: None

Temporary:

None

Eligible for Fines

The filer has fines for: 2024 (Appeal) 2023 (Appeal) view all

2024 Fines and Appeals

Form Year 2023 Filed Forms		Form	Year	2023	Filed	<b>Forms</b>
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Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
02/13/25	Form 1X	Yes	No	COE	RDiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov on 02/13/2025	
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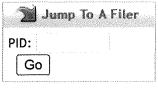
Current Balance: \$1,500.00

Add a New Filer 2024 Fine Year Event

Chronology

Invalidate Transaction







ΙАр	Appeals - Financial Disclosure System - The Florida Commission on Ethics - Florida Commission on Eth								
	Date	Туре	Description	Reference					
	08/6/2024	Filer Communication: Phone	Filer Reinaldo Diaz called at tel # 561-586-1734, voicemail left to call the COE.	nguglielmo					
	08/15/2024		Filer Reinaldo Diaz called at tel # +1(561) 586-1734. Filer was unavailable, voicemail left with deadline information and instruction to contact COE for assistance filing.	nguglielmo					
	09/16/2024		Outbound call made to filer at +1(561) 586-1734. Filer was not available, voicemail left providing information regarding past due form and fines that are steadily accruing.	nguglielmo					
	01/10/2025	Fine Levied	Fined \$1500.00	Journal: <u>1/10/2025</u> <u>3:42 PM</u>					
	01/10/2025	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice	Journal: <u>1/10/2025</u> <u>3:43 PM</u>					
٥	01/10/2025	Letter Sent	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	Print Queue:  1/10/2025  Printing Confirmed:  1/10/2025					

Letter Sent To: Mr Reinaldo Diaz

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Filer - Fines and Appeals - Financial Disclosure System - The Florida Commission on Ethics - Florida Commission on Ethics 02/17/2025 Fine Appeal FD 24-002 Journal: 2/17/2025 2:42 PM © 02/17/2025 Letter Sent Print Queue: Fine Appeal 2/17/2025 Printing Confirmed: 2/17/2025 Letter Sent To: Mr Reinaldo Diaz 504 South K Street Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 -4512 Withdraw Appeal Assign Attorney 2024 Fine Appeal -Update Appeal FD 24-002 Request More Info Record Appeal Outcome Appeal Status: No Hearing Requested Active **Appeal Receipt** Date: 02/13/2025 Timely Filed: No **Print Appeal Letter:** Hearing Requested: Appeal Reason: Other **Appeal Notes:** Appeal Number: FD 24-002 **Appeal Analyst** Assigned:

Final Order Number:

Final Order Date: