

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re RUSLANAS BYCKOVAS,	)	Financial Disclosure Appeal
	)	No. FD 24-024
Appellant.	)	Final Order No. XXX
_____	)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on April 24, 2026, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes (2024). There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

Financial disclosure in the form of an annual CE Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests is required of certain public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government. Section 112.3145(8)(f) 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" contributing to the failure to file by the designated date. § 112.3145(8)(f)2.

Here, Appellant served as a member of the North Bay Village Planning & Zoning Board, a position requiring the filing of a 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by the designated due date of July 1, 2024, with a grace period ending on September 3, 2024. §§ 112.3145(2)(b), (8)(c), Fla. Stat. (2024). Appellant filed a 2023 CE Form 1 on January 31, 2025, 150 days late, and has been assessed the maximum fine amount of \$1500 (\$25 a day for 60 days late).

Appellant alleges he failed to timely file his 2023 CE Form 1 because he received a diagnosis of stage four cancer in June of 2024 and subsequently had to undergo serious surgeries and chemotherapy. Appellant provided a portion of his medical records to corroborate the timeline of his diagnosis. Appellant's diagnosis and subsequent treatment appear to amount to "unusual circumstances" that justify waiving the \$1500 fine.

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to timely file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$1500.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on April 24, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jon M. Philipson
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 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, 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.

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Ruslanas Byckovas
2000 Towerside Ter. Apt. 1803
Miami, FL 33138

24-024

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RECEIVED

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

Name: Ruslanas Byckovad

Address: 2000 towerside ter apt 1803 City: Miami State: FL Zip: 33138

Daytime Tel.: 401-996-6390 Cell: 401-996-6390

Email: rizzzy@royalbyckovas.com Filer ID# (if known): _____

Public Employer: _____

Public Position: Zoning hearing board

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

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.

June 2024 I was diagnosed with stage four cancer. I have went through Series surgeries
I'm in the process of completing my 12 regiment of chemotherapy and just trying to get back on my feet.
Due to my health condition I'm only now being able to catch up My mail and responsibilities.

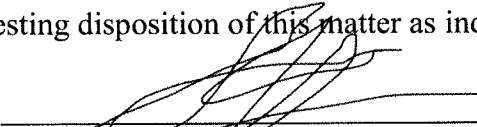
OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

☐ 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.

01/31/25
DATE


SIGNATURE

Dear Kim

Please see doctors letter stating my health condition attached below

SECTION D		ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT		M.I.	AGE
PATIENT'S FIRST NAME		LAST NAME			49
Ruslanas		Byckovas			
ADDRESS		STATE		ZIP	
CITY					
NATURE AND ORIGIN OF	X SICKNESS	DIAGNOSIS (DESCRIBE COMPLICATIONS, IF ANY)			
	INJURY	Malignant tumor of sigmoid colon.			
WHEN DID SYMPTOMS FIRST APPEAR OR ACCIDENT HAPPEN? (MM/DD/YYYY)		WHEN DID PATIENT FIRST CONSULT YOU FOR THIS CONDITION? (MM/DD/YYYY)		IF SICKNESS, WHEN WAS CONDITION FIRST DIAGNOSED? (MM/DD/YYYY)	
1 / 1		08/09/2024		07/16/2024	
INDICATE THE DATE AND TYPE OF DIAGNOSTIC TEST USED TO DIAGNOSE CURRENT CONDITION. IF MORE TESTS WERE PERFORMED, PLEASE INCLUDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. (MM/DD/YYYY)					
07/16/2024 Sigmoid mass biopsy					
HAS PATIENT EVER HAD SAME OR SIMILAR CONDITION? YES NO X					
HOW DID CONDITION ORIGINATE?					
NATURE OF SURGICAL OR OBSTETRICAL PROCEDURE(S), IF ANY. (DESCRIBE FULLY)					
DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)		PROCEDURE		OPEN OR CLOSED REDUCTION	
07/10/2024		lap hand assisted diverting lap sigmoid		OPEN CLOSED X	
NAME OF FACILITY		SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL			
GIVE DATES OF TREATMENT AND NATURE OF TREATMENT OTHER THAN SURGICAL.					
OFFICE	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	NATURE OF TREATMENT(S)			
	08/16/2024 - 12/2/24	radiation.			
	08/13/2024 - 11/25	chemotherapy			
EMERGENCY ROOM (ER)	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	NAME OF FACILITY			
	08/06/2024	MCI - miami Cancer Institute.			
URGENT CARE FACILITY	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	NAME OF FACILITY			
	08/06/2024	Baptist Hospital of Miami.			
IS THE PATIENT STILL UNDER YOUR CARE?	HOW LONG WAS OR WILL PATIENT BE CONTINUOUSLY TOTALLY DISABLED (UNABLE TO WORK)?	HOW LONG WAS OR WILL PATIENT BE PARTIALLY DISABLED? (ONLY ABLE TO WORK PART TIME OR PERFORM PARTIAL JOB DUTIES)?			
YES X NO	FROM (MM/DD/YYYY) THROUGH (MM/DD/YYYY)	FROM (MM/DD/YYYY) THROUGH (MM/DD/YYYY)			
	1 / 1	1 / 1			
PLEASE STATE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON PATIENT FOR ANY DISABILITY THAT HAS BEEN INDICATED.					
IF PATIENT DISABLED ON DATE YOU COMPLETE THIS FORM, IS THERE A RETURN TO WORK DATE?		RETURN TO WORK DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)			
YES NO (IF "YES", GIVE RETURN TO WORK DATE.)		1 / 1			
IF HOSPITALIZED, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOSPITAL AND DATES OF CONFINEMENT.		ADMISSION DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)		DISCHARGE DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Doctors Hospital		08/09/2024		08/22/2024	
ADDRESS		STATE ZIP			
5600 University Drive		FL 33146			
CITY		Coral Gables			
PHYSICIAN'S NAME		DEGREE		SIGNATURE	
Fernando J. deZaragoza		M.D.			
PHONE NUMBER		FAX NUMBER		DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
786 596 2000		786 814 4288		1 / 1	
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE ZIP	
8900 N Kendall Drive		Miami		FL 33176	
MUST BE FURNISHED UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 6109 OF THE IRS CODE					
INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONER'S S.S. NO.			ALL OTHERS - EMPLOYER ID NO.		

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

Filed with COE: 01/31/2025

General Information

Name: Ruslanas Byckovas

PID 299665

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization

North Bay Village

Suborganization

Planning & Zoning Board

Title

Planning & Zoning Board

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
Royal byckovas	6001 nw 7 ave Miami fl 33127	Architecture

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			

Real Property

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

Location/Description
6001 nw 7 ave Miami fl 33127

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	

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
N/A	

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
N/A

Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

Signature of Filer

Ruslanas Byckovas

Digitally signed: 01/31/2025

Filed with COE: 01/31/2025

Form Year 2023 Filed Forms

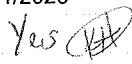
FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	01/31/2025	Yes	No	Ruslanas Byckovas	

Fine Year 2024 Fine Information

FINE BALANCE	STATUS	FINE DATE	ORIGINAL FINE AMOUNT	ADJUSTED FINE AMOUNT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT PLAN START DATE	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE
\$1,500.00	Appeal	06/17/2025	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00				

Fine Address: 2000 TOWERSIDE TER APT 1803, MIAMI, FL 33138-2227
 Email: rizzy@royalbyckovas.com
 Org/Suborg: North Bay Village - Planning & Zoning Board

Fine Year 2024 Appeal Information

2024 FINE APPEAL - FD 24-024	No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS	Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE	01/31/2025
APPEAL TIMELY FILED	No Yes 
PRINT APPEAL LETTER	
HEARING REQUESTED	No
APPEAL REASON	Illness or Injury
APPEAL NOTES	
APPEAL NUMBER	FD 24-024
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED	
FINAL ORDER NUMBER	
FINAL ORDER DATE	

Fine Year 2024 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
06/17/2025	Fine Levied	+\$1,500.00			Fined \$1,500.00

Current Balance: \$1,500.00

Fine Year 2024 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/06/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
09/13/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
09/20/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
09/27/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
10/04/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
10/11/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
10/18/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
10/25/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
11/01/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
11/08/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
11/15/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
11/19/2024	Filer Communication: Other	Notice of fine accrual letter returned by USPS as "Attempted - Not Known."		Jeremy Pennington
11/22/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
11/29/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
12/06/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
12/13/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
12/20/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	
12/27/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	

06/17/2025	Fine Levied	Fined \$1,500.00	2000 TOWERSIDE TER APT 1803 Apartment, MIAMI, FL 33138-2227 rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	Journal: <u>Fine COE 2025-06-17-17:34</u>
06/17/2025	Notice of Assessed Fine		2000 TOWERSIDE TER APT 1803 Apartment, MIAMI, FL 33138-2227 rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	Journal: <u>Fine1st COE 2025-06-17-17:35</u>
06/17/2025	Filer Correspondence: System Email	Notice of Assessed Fine	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	Correspondence Queue: <u>2025-06-17 17:35:04</u> Correspondence Sent: 2025-06-17 17:35:03.8699553
06/17/2025	Fine Appeal	FD 24-024	2000 TOWERSIDE TER APT 1803 Apartment, MIAMI, FL 33138-2227 rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	Journal: <u>Appeal 2025-06</u>
06/17/2025	Filer Correspondence: System Email	Fine Appeal Received	rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	Correspondence Queue: <u>2025-06-17 17:38:24</u> Correspondence Sent: 2025-06-17 17:38:23.7320611
09/27/2025	Filer Correspondence: Envelope Envelope	Envelope Template	2000 TOWERSIDE TER APT 1803 Apartment, MIAMI, FL 33138-2227 rizzy@royalbyckovas.com	KimberlyHolmes

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Ruslanas Byckovas
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APT 1803 APT
MIAMI, FL, 33138, 2227

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June 17, 2025

RE: In re Ruslanas Byckovas 299665, Financial Disclosure Appeal No.: FD 24-024

The Commission has received your appeal. We will send all subsequent correspondence in this matter to you at the email address on record and/or mailing address unless you notify us of a change in your address.

The following information is to help you understand the process your appeal will follow. Please note: If you are currently being investigated for willfully failing to file financial disclosure, your appeal may not be heard until that process is complete. If we received your appeal more than 30 days after we sent you the notice of your right to appeal, it may be denied on that basis. Otherwise, the following will apply:

Initially, Commission staff will review your appeal and any documentation you submitted. We may contact you for more information. A draft order will then be prepared and agendaed for a Commission meeting. The Commission meets approximately every six weeks. How soon your appeal will be heard depends on a number of things, including when it was received and the Commission's workload. If you requested a hearing before the Commission when you filed your appeal, you will be provided with a copy of the draft order and will be notified of the date and time at which your appeal will be heard. At this meeting, the Commission will rule on your appeal. A final order will be entered and provided to you, usually within a week of the Commission meeting. If the fine is not waived, we will consider flexible payment options.

If you have any questions about this appeal or the appeal process, please feel free to contact Kimberly R Holmes, Program Administrator, at (850) 488-7864.

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

From: EthicsFDMSInfo@mail.disclosure.floridaethics.gov

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To: rizzy@royalbyckovas.com
Subject: Notice of Assessed Fine
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In Ruslanas Byckovas PID#: 299665
re

Planning & Zoning Board
North Bay Village
Planning & Zoning Board

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(7)(f), Florida Statute, 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 01, 2024. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 03, 2024. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(7)(f), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2023 CE Form 1 was filed on January 31, 2025, you are fined the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$25.00 per day for 150 day(s) late). 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.

HOW TO APPEAL

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(7)(f)3, Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form 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 received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **July 17, 2025**. **NOTE:** 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 September 03, 2024, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:

SICKNESS/INJURY: a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;

TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE: 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;

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 the completed form which was electronically 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;

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 ;

NOT REQUIRED TO FILE: provide documentation that supports the reason you are not required to file financial disclosure; or

OTHER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE : provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing .

3. **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 Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of your 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 at (850) 488-7864 .

Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Ruslanas Byckovas on June 17, 2025 .

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Sent: 12/27/2024 6:00:31 AM

To: rizzy@royalbyckovas.com

Subject: Notice of Fine Accruing

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If you believe you are on the list in error:

If you believe your name was placed on the list in error, please contact the Commission.

QUESTIONS? Call the Florida Commission on Ethics, (850) 488-7864 or 1-800-262-8824.

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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, www.ethics.state.fl.us, click on the "Financial Disclosure" tab, then "Coordinator Information" to search for your agency's coordinator.

WHEN TO FILE:

On or before July 1, 2024 .

» HOW TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY:

The law requires the Form 1 to be filed electronically with the Florida Commission on Ethics via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). If you have not already registered in EFDMS in 2023 , please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics at 850-488-7864.

Once you register and create a username and password, you can log into EFDMS to electronically complete and file your Form

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Before you file electronically, visit <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/FinancialDisclosure/E-filing.pdf> for important information and tips about filing electronically this year.

FAILURE TO FILE the annual disclosure form by September 1, 2024 , triggers automatic fines 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.

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According to our records, your 2023 Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, due July 1, 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 imposed, 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 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.

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 <https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login>. 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.**

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.

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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.**

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WHEN TO FILE:

On or before July 1, 2024

» HOW TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY:

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

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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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Hello,

You have received this invitation to register in the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) of the Florida Commission on Ethics e-filing system. Your name and contact information was provided to the Commission by your agency coordinator identifying you as a public officer or public employee with an annual requirement to file a financial disclosure form.

All financial disclosure forms (Form 1, 1X, and 1F) must be filed electronically. The Commission will no longer promulgate paper forms.

You must use the following link to complete the registration process:

<https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Registration?token=82J17VFJHL.TLVIW> (Please note the link will expire in 14 days.)

Once you are registered, always access e-filing from the I am a Filer link, even if you are a candidate for office.

By law, you must keep an up-to-date email address in the e-filing system. Your email address will be used to provide you with notifications about due dates and the filing process, as well as other important announcements for financial disclosure filers. If you wish to designate a different email address for communications regarding e-filing, you may do so in your User Profile which is accessible from your Dashboard in EFDMS.

Questions about why you are receiving this email should be directed to your agency coordinator whose name appears on your dashboard in EFDMS.

Questions about the financial disclosure requirement, as well as how to complete the disclosure form should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics (850) 488-7864 or 1-800-262-8824.

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