

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re MARIAH BAKKE, )  
 )  
 Appellant. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 21-047

Final Order No. XXX

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on January 24, 2025, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), 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.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a member of the Ft. Myers Planning Board, a position requiring the filing of a 2020 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2021, the designated due date for submitting a 2020 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2021, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2021.

2. By June 1, 2021, the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County sent Appellant a 2020 CE Form 1. This letter was sent to Appellant at 1421 Jefferson Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901.

3. By August 1, 2021, the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to Appellant at the 1421 Jefferson Ave. address, but was returned undelivered and marked "Return to Sender – Unclaimed – Unable to Forward."

4. On August 20, 2021, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2020 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 1421 Jefferson Ave. address.

5. On September 8, 2021, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This was sent to the 1421 Jefferson Ave. address.

6. On November 7, 2023, the Commission mailed Appellant a notice of assessment of her automatic fine. The notice was sent by mail to the 1421 Jefferson Ave. address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$1,500.00 (\$25 per day for 60 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by November 22, 2023.

7. On November 9, 2023, Appellant submitted her 2020 CE Form 1 to the Commission on Ethics, 799 days late.

8. Also on November 9, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of her automatic fine for Form Year 2020. In part B of her appeal form, Appellant checked "Lack of notification – failure to receive notice" as the general reason for her appeal. In part C of her appeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote: "I changed addresses in January 2020 to Stadler Dr. & did not receive notice of fine. I also moved again in August 2020 to 1446 Bass Lane. I informed the board but did not receive any fine or other paperwork letting me know about the financial interest form or penalty."

#### 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. Here, Appellant claims she never received notice of either her requirement to fill out the 2020 CE Form 1, or of her delinquency in failing to timely file the 2020 CE Form 1 and the resulting accrual of fines. There is no evidence to dispute Appellant's claims that she never received the notices from the Lee County Supervisor of Elections or from the Commission on Ethics. In fact, the certified mailing by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections was returned undelivered. Considering Appellant's claims, where there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstances" here that justify waiving the \$1,500.00 fine.

#### Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$1,500.00

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on  
January 24, 2025.

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Date Rendered

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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 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.

LMF: sen

cc     Mariah Bakke  
       1496 Bass Lane  
       Fort Myers, FL 33919

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# STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Tallahassee, FL 32303  
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Fax: (850) 488-3077  
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

## APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2020

**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: MARIAN BAKKE

Address: 14916 Bass Lane City: Fort Myers State: FL Zip: 33919

Daytime Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 239 339 7965

Email: MCBAKKE@GMAIL.COM Filer ID# (if known): PID# 281310

Public Employer: CITY OF FORT MYERS

Public Position: Planning 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.  **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
- c.  **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
- d.  **Left public position prior to December 31, 2020** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2020)
- e.  **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f.  **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, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages. 1362

I changed addresses in January 2020 to Juddlee Dr. & did not receive notice of fine. I also moved again in August 2020 to 1496 Bass Lane. I informed the board but did not receive any fine or other paperwork letting me know about the financial interest form or penalty.

## 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)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

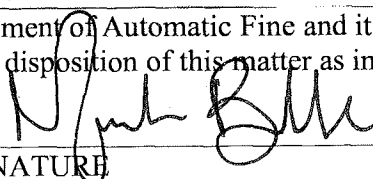
## SIGNATURE

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.

DATE

11/7/23

SIGNATURE





### Property Data

**STRAP: 35-44-24-P1-0060F.0080 Folio ID: 10184106**

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#### Owner Of Record - Sole Owner

[\[Change Address\]](#)

BAKKE MARIAH CHERIE  
1362 STADLER DR  
FORT MYERS FL 33901

#### Site Address

Site Address maintained by [E911 Program Addressing](#)

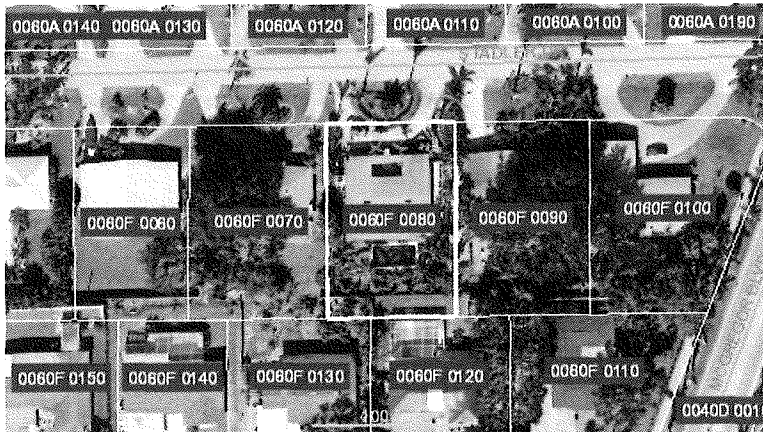
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FORT MYERS FL 33901

#### Property Description

Do not use for legal documents!

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#### Current Working Values

[Hurricane Ian Tax Roll Value Letter](#)

[Tax Refund Status](#)

**Just** 371,804

#### Attributes

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Land Units Of Measure         | UT      |
| Units                         | 1.00    |
| Total Number of Buildings     | 1       |
| Total Bedrooms / Bathrooms    | 3 / 2.0 |
| Gross Living Area             | 1,429   |
| 1st Year Building on Tax Roll | 1959    |
| Historic Designation          | No      |

#### Image of Structure



< Photo Date February of 2023 > [View other photos](#)

Last Inspection Date: 02/22/2023

### Exemptions / Classified Use (Current)

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No existing exemptions found for this property.

### Exemptions / Classified Use (2023 Tax Roll)

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### Values (2023 Tax Roll)

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### **Taxing Authorities**

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### **Sales / Transactions**

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| Sale Price | Date              | OR Number            | Type      | Notes | Vacant/Improved |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------|
| 324,500.00 | <u>01/30/2020</u> | <u>2020000028080</u> | <u>01</u> |       |                 |
| 199,900.00 | 05/15/2018        | <u>2018000127035</u> | <u>01</u> |       |                 |
| 100.00     | 04/24/2000        | <u>3263/881</u>      | <u>01</u> |       |                 |
| 100.00     | 03/17/2000        | <u>3263/879</u>      | <u>01</u> |       |                 |
| 110,000.00 | 09/01/1993        | <u>2429/1249</u>     | <u>06</u> |       |                 |
| 0.00       | 11/01/1986        | <u>1879/486</u>      | <u>01</u> |       |                 |

[View Recorded Plat at LeeClerk.org](#)

Use the above link to do a search on the Lee County Clerk of Courts website, using **9** and **156** for the book and page numbers and **Plats Book** for the book type.

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### **Building / Construction Permit Data**

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### **Solid Waste (Garbage) Roll Data**

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### **Flood and Storm Information**

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**RE: Returned Certified Mail-FORM 1 - Mariah Bakke [PID #281310]**

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Mary Hagemann <MHagemann@cityftmyers.com>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 9:47 AM

To: Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Cc: "mcbakke@gmail.com" <mcbakke@gmail.com>, Gwen Carlisle <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>

Hi Tammy,

I copied Mariah on this email because it looks like her address has changed:

1362 Stadler Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Mariah, please submit your documents to Lee County to avoid the September 1 deadline.

Thank you.

**Mary Hagemann**

Deputy City Clerk

City of Fort Myers

mhagemann@cityftmyers.com

239-321-7036

**From:** Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:28 AM

**To:** Gwen Carlisle <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>; Mary Hagemann <MHagemann@cityftmyers.com>

**Cc:** Holmes, Kim <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us>; EMILY PRINE <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>

**Subject:** Returned Certified Mail-FORM 1 - Mariah Bakke [PID #281310]

This email came from outside of the City of Fort Myers, please be cautious opening attachments or clicking on links.

Hello Gwen,

This is to notify you, as Coordinator, that our office has received return certified mail "UNCLAIMED" on **Mariah Bakke [Fort Myers - Planning Board]** which went to the following address:

1421 Jefferson Ave

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Since the September 1 deadline is fast approaching, any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Thank you,

Tammy Lipa, MFCEP

Administration Support Specialist  
Post Office Box 2545  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545

Main Number: 239-533-8683

Direct Number: 239-533-6329

[tlipa@lee.vote](mailto:tlipa@lee.vote)

Visit our website: [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote)

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your

email address released in response to a public-records request, do not send electronic email to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

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**Mariah Bakke** <mcbakke@gmail.com>  
To: **Mary Hagemann** <MHagemann@cityftmyers.com>  
Cc: **Gwen Carlisle** <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>, **Tammy Lipa** <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 9:49 AM

1496 Bass Lane  
Fort Myers Florida 33919

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**Mary Hagemann** <MHagemann@cityftmyers.com>  
To: **Mariah Bakke** <mcbakke@gmail.com>  
Cc: **Gwen Carlisle** <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>, **Tammy Lipa** <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 9:51 AM

Your address has been updated in the Clerk's Office.

**Mary Hagemann**

Deputy City Clerk

City of Fort Myers

mhagemann@cityftmyers.com

239-321-7036

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**Tammy Lipa** <tlipa@lee.vote>  
To: **Mary Hagemann** <MHagemann@cityftmyers.com>  
Cc: "**mcbakke@gmail.com**" <mcbakke@gmail.com>, **Gwen Carlisle** <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 9:57 AM

Thank you, Mary

**Tammy Lipa, MFCEP**  
Administration Support Specialist  
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Board Member
Fort Myers
Planning Board
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CHECK ONLY IF [ ] CANDIDATE OR [ ] NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

\*\*\*\* THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED \*\*\*\*

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):

[ ] COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR [ ] DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME, SOURCE'S ADDRESS, DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY. Includes entries for RS Walsh Landscaping, VIVA Landscapes, Zula active, and AIRBNB.

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

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY, NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME, ADDRESS OF SOURCE, PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE. Entry: N/A

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

1362 Stadler DR, Fort Myers, FL 33919

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

**PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]  
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| TYPE OF INTANGIBLE | BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES |
|--------------------|---|
| N/A                |   |

**PART E — LIABILITIES** [Major debts - See instructions]  
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| NAME OF CREDITOR | ADDRESS OF CREDITOR |
|------------------|---------------------|
| N/A              |                     |

**PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES** [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]  
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY                       | BUSINESS ENTITY # 1 | BUSINESS ENTITY # 2 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | N/A                 |                     |
| ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY                    | N/A                 |                     |
| PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY                   | N/A                 |                     |
| POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY                     | N/A                 |                     |
| I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS | N/A                 |                     |
| NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST               | N/A                 |                     |

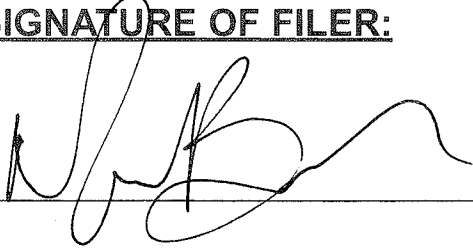
**PART G — TRAINING** For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE

**SIGNATURE OF FILER:**

Signature:



Date Signed:

11/7/23

**CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY**

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

**Local officers/employees** file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

**State officers or specified state employees** who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

**Candidates** file this form together with their filing papers.

**MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY:** A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

**WHEN TO FILE: Initially,** each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

**Candidates** must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

**Thereafter,** file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

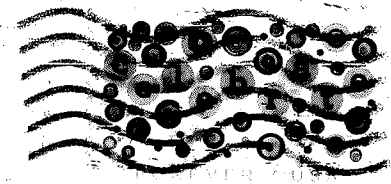
**Finally,** file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2020.



Viva Landscapes  
1496 Bass Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

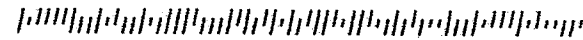
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In re **Mariah Bakke**  
**Board Member**  
**Planning Board**  
**Fort Myers**

**PID#: 281310**

**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)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2020 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2020 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2021. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2021. 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)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2020 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Supervisor of Elections for Lee County within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 1, 2021), 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)(g)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 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 received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **November 22, 2023**. **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 1, 2021, 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, 2020:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2020; or
- f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency 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 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.

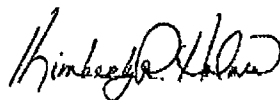
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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

**Mariah Bakke**  
1421 Jefferson Ave  
Fort Myers, FL 33901 -8438

by Certified Mail on this Tuesday, October 24, 2023.



**KIMBERLY R. HOLMES**  
Program Administrator

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

-or-

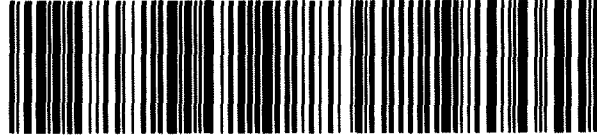
Florida Commission on Ethics  
325 John Knox Road, Building E, Ste. 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tel.: (850) 488-7864  
Fax: (850) 488-3077  
Email: [disclosure@leg.state.fl.us](mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us)





STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
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TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709



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**RETURN RECEIPT (ELECTRONIC)**

**281310**

**MARIAH BAKKE  
1421 JEFFERSON AVE  
FORT MYERS, FL 33901-8438**

**URGENT - Open Immediately!**

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**Florida Commission on Ethics  
Financial Disclosure Notification System  
Delinquency Certification (2021)**

I TOMMY DOYLE, the Supervisor of Elections of LEE County, hereby certify that each person whose ID number, name, agency, and position appears on the attached list:

(1) was sent a notice of the July 1, 2021 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2021;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2021;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than August 1, 2021 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1, 2021; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes; and

(4) did not file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, until the date shown or, had not filed a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests by October 31, 2021; and further

(5) that the date of filing shown is based upon the earliest of the following:

- (a) when the Form 1 was actually received by my office;
- (b) when the Form 1 was postmarked;
- (c) when the certificate of mailing (if any) was dated; or
- (d) when the receipt (if any) from an established courier company was

Dated 11-03-21

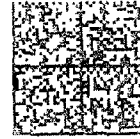
Signed

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TOMMY DOYLE, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

**TOMMY DOYLE**  
 Supervisor of Elections  
 P.O. Box 2545  
 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545



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 to coordinator*

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 7-28-21*

281310  
 Mariah Bakke  
 1421 Jefferson Ave  
 Fort Myers FL 33901

RETURN TO SENDER  
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| Certified Mail Fee   | \$                  |               |
| Extra Services & Fees (check box, add fee as appropriate)    |                     |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt (hardcopy)           | \$                  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt (electronic)         | \$                  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail Restricted Delivery  | \$                  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Required            | \$                  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery | \$                  |               |
| Postage  | \$                  |               |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$                  | <b>281310</b> |
| Street   | 1421 Jefferson Ave  |               |
| City   | Fort Myers FL 33901 |               |

Postmark Here

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

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PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE TO THE RIGHT  
OF THE RETURN ADDRESS, FOLD AT DOTTED LINE

| SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION  | COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3.</li><li>■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li><li>■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</li></ul> | <b>A. Signature</b><br><b>X</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent<br><input type="checkbox"/> Addressee  |
| 281310<br>Mariah Bakke<br>1421 Jefferson Ave<br>Fort Myers FL 33901  | <b>B. Received by (Printed Name)</b> <b>C. Date of Delivery</b>   |
| <br>9590 9402 6400 0303 5375 44   | <b>D. Is delivery address different from item 1?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br>If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
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Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

## Returned Certified Mail-FORM 1 - Mariah Bakke [PID #281310]

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 9:28 AM

To: Gwen Carlisle <gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com>, MARY HAGEMANN <mhagemann@cityftmyers.com>

Cc: "Holmes, Kim" <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us>, EMILY PRINE <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>

Hello Gwen,

This is to notify you, as Coordinator, that our office has received return certified mail "UNCLAIMED" on **Mariah Bakke [Fort Myers - Planning Board]** which went to the following address:

**1421 Jefferson Ave  
Fort Myers, FL 33901**

Since the September 1 deadline is fast approaching, any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Thank you,

Tammy Lipa, MFCEP  
Administration Support Specialist  
Post Office Box 2545  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545

Main Number: 239-533-8683

Direct Number: 239-533-6329

[tlipa@lee.vote](mailto:tlipa@lee.vote)

Visit our website: [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote)

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public-records request, do not send electronic email to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.



**Financial Disclosure Management System**  
THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Filer - Fines and Appeals - PID 281310 - Mariah Bakke

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<<2023 Form Year

**Status**

Filing: INACTIVE

Fine: No Fine

**Flags**

Public Address

Filing Extensions

Indefinite: None

Temporary:

None

Eligible for Fines

The filer has fines for: [2022 \(Active\)](#) [2021 \(Appeal\)](#) [2020 \(Active\)](#) [view all](#)

2021 Fines and Appeals

| Form Year 2020 Filed Forms |           |             |                |                 |                       |  |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Received Date              | Form Type | Form Signed | Filed by Email | Filing Location | Updated               | Comments   |
| 11/09/23                   | Form 1    | Yes         | No             | SOE             | holmesk on 11/13/2023 | Received by COE on behalf of Lee Supervisor of Elections |

| 2021 Fine Information                                    |             |            |                     |             | Update Fine Information |                         |                     |
|--|-------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|  |             |            |                     |             | Assign Agency Contact   |                         |                     |
| Fine Balance   | Fine Status | Fine Date  | Original Assessment | Fine Amount | Last Payment Date       | Payment Plan Start Date | Payment Plan Amount |
| \$1,500.00   | Appeal      | 10/23/2023 | \$1,500.00          | \$1,500.00  |                         |                         |                     |
| Fine Address 1421 Jefferson Ave Fort Myers FL 33901-8438 |             |            |                     |             |                         |                         |                     |
| Org/Suborg Fort Myers-Planning Board                     |             |            |                     |             |                         |                         |                     |

| 2021 Fine Payment History   |             |              |        |            |                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| Date Posted                 | Description | Amount       | Method | Payment ID | Comments        |
| 10/23/2023                  | Fine Levied | + \$1,500.00 |        |            | Fined \$1500.00 |
| Current Balance: \$1,500.00 |             |              |        |            |                 |

Add a New Filer

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PID:

Quick Filer Search

First Name:

Last Name:

2021 Fine Year Event

Chronology

| Date  | Type          | Description                | Reference   |
|---|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 08/20/2021 | Postcard Sent | Courtesy Postcard Reminder | Print Queue:<br><a href="#">8/20/2021</a><br>Printing Confirmed:<br>8/20/2021 |

Letter Sent To:  
Mariah Bakke  
1421 Jefferson Ave  
Fort Myers, FL 33901 -8438

|  |             |                                      |  |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 09/8/2021 | Letter Sent | Courtesy Notice of Fines<br>Accruing | Print Queue: <a href="#">9/8/2021</a><br>Printing Confirmed:<br>9/8/2021 |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|

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10/23/2023 Fine Levied    Fined \$1500.00    Journal: [10/23/2023 3:32 PM](#)

10/23/2023 Notice of Assessed Fine    Initial Fine Notice    Journal: [10/23/2023 5:07 PM](#)

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|---|-------------|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10/24/2023 | Letter Sent | Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer<br>1st Fine Letter | Print Queue:<br><a href="#">10/24/2023</a><br>Printing Confirmed:<br>10/24/2023 |
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Letter Sent To:  
Mariah Bakke  
1421 Jefferson Ave  
Fort Myers, FL 33901 -8438

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 11/7/2023 | Letter Sent | Fine Appeal | Print Queue:<br><a href="#">11/7/2023</a><br>Printing Confirmed:<br>11/7/2023 |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|

Letter Sent To:  
Mariah Bakke

1421 Jefferson Ave  
 Fort Myers, FL 33901 -8438

11/9/2023 Form Form 1 Received, Signed Form 1 Received by  
 Received Received by COE on  
 behalf of Lee  
 Supervisor of Elections  
 SOE

Form Received By:  
 Filing Location: Lee County SOE  
 Record Created By: Kimberly Holmes on 11/13/2023

11/13/2023 Fine Appeal FD 21-047 Journal: 11/13/2023  
 12:49 AM

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| 2021 Fine Appeal<br>-- FD 21-047  | <input type="button" value="Update Appeal"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw Appeal"/>     |
|   | <input type="button" value="Assign Attorney"/> <input type="button" value="Request More Info"/> |
| <input type="button" value="Record Appeal Outcome"/>  |   |
| Appeal Status:<br>Active<br>Appeal Receipt<br>Date: 11/09/2023<br>Timely Filed: Yes<br>Print Appeal<br>Letter: Yes<br>Hearing<br>Requested: No<br>Appeal Reason:<br>Lack of<br>Notification<br>Appeal Notes:<br>Appeal Number:<br>FD 21-047<br>Appeal Analyst<br>Assigned:<br>Final Order<br>Number:<br>Final Order Date: | No Hearing Requested  |