BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re MARISOL ORTEGA	)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 19-101
	)	
Appellant.	)	Final Order No. XXX
	)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics on its own motion during its meeting in public session on October 23, 2026, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)) 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 Lake Hamilton Board of Adjustment, a position requiring the filing of a 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2019, the designated due date for submitting a 2018 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2019, with a grace period ending on September 3, 2019.

2. No later than June 1, 2019, the Polk County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a 2018 CE Form 1.

3. No later than August 1, 2019, the Polk County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to Appellant at Po Box

1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851. The notice was returned to the Polk County Supervisor of Elections, and marked "RETURN TO SENDER UNCLAIMED UNABLE TO FORWARD."

4. On September 6, 2019, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This notice was sent to Appellant at the Po Box 1035 address.

5. On July 19, 2021, the Commission mailed Appellant a Notice of Assessed Fine by certified mail. The notice was sent by mail to the Po Box 1035 address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was $1,500 ($25 per day for up to 60 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by August 18, 2021. It appears Appellant received and signed for this mailing on July 28, 2021.

6. On February 10, 2022, the Commission on Ethics received Appellant's 2018 CE Form 1.

7. On March 2, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of her automatic fine for Form Year 2018. In part B of her appeal form, Appellant checked "Other Unusual Circumstances" as the general reason for her appeal. In part C of herappeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote that she had a high risk pregnancy in 2018. Appellant notes that she ended up delivering her baby in December of 2018 and was admitted to the hospital for over a week.

Conclusions of Law

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

9. 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.

10. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)(2)) 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.

11. Pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(4), F.A.C., "unusual circumstances" means 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. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to assure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

12. Here, Appellant's appeal was submitted late, despite the fact that Commission records indicate she received her initial notice of appellate rights via certified mail and signed for it on July 28, 2021. Further, while the Commission is sympathetic to Appellant's high-risk pregnancy and hospitalization in December of 2018, the 2018 CE Form 1 was not due until July 1, 2019, and fines did not begin to accrue until September 4, 2019. Considering Appellant's claims, there are not "unusual circumstances" that prevented the timely filing of the financial disclosure form in 2019 that justify waiving the $1,500 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to timely file have not been demonstrated. We therefore affirm the assessed fine of $1,500 and dismisses the appeal. 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 October 23, 2026.

_____
Date Rendered

_____
Jeremy M. Rodgers
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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Marisol Ortega
527 W Chicago Ave
Lake Hamilton, FL 33851

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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 2018

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: Marisol Ortega

Address: 527 W. Chicago Ave City: Lake Hamilton State: FL Zip: 33851

Daytime Tel.: 863 440 1780 Cell: 863 440 1780

Email: marisolort18@gmail.com Filer ID# (if known):

Public Employer: Town of Lake Hamelton

Public Position: Board of adjustment member / Parks & Rec.

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, 2018** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2018)

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. In 2018 I became pregnant with my son. I had a high risk pregnancy thrugh the year of 2018, that invovled high blood pressure. During this time, I was focused on my health as well as my babies and was unable to complete the form as required. As a result of my high blood pressure, I gave birth to my son in early

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.

2/15/2023
DATE

Manuel Ortega
SIGNATURE

December 2018, which was a little over a month of my actual due date, as a result of my medical condition, high blood pressure. I was actually admitted for over a week.

Throughout the year of 2018, it was very difficult for me due to my high risk pregnancy and high blood pressure which was my main concern, to remain as healthy as possible for my baby and I. Again, as a result, I missed submitting my financial disclosure and ask for my fine to be waived.

Thank you and have a blessed day.

M. Ortega

FORM 1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS 2018

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Marisol Ortega
Lake Hamilton
Board Of Zoning Adjustment
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton FL 33851 -1035

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

CHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☐ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

****** BOTH PARTS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ******

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR, WHETHER BASED ON A CALENDAR YEAR OR ON A FISCAL YEAR. PLEASE STATE BELOW WHETHER THIS STATEMENT IS FOR THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR ENDING EITHER (must check one):

☑ DECEMBER 31, 2018 OR ☐ SPECIFY TAX YEAR IF OTHER THAN THE CALENDAR YEAR:_____

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")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
Morgan & Morgan	20 N. Orange Ave. Orlando	Employment. Law firm.

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")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE
None			

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

my home - 527 W. Chicago Avenue
Lake Hamilton, Fl 33851

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
none	

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

NAME OF CREDITOR (mortgage)	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
Specialized loan servicing	
Capital One credit cards	

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")

	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	Solmari Legal Doc Prep	
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY	P.O. Box 1085 Lake Hamilton 33851	
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY	Legal documentation	
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY	President / Owner	
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING
For **elected municipal officers** 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:

Marisol Ortega

Date Signed:

1/21/2022

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) and send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us. 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, 2018.

Polk County

Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
2019 Delinquency Certification
Reported 11/13/2019

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This is a list of all delinquent Polk County filers. The date indicated in the "Form Receipt Date" column is the date the form was received. Any persons with no form receipt date indicated have not filed.

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I Lori Edwards, the Supervisor of Elections of Polk County, hereby certify that each person whose PID number, name, agency, and position appears above or on the attached list:

1. was sent a notice of the July 1, 2019 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2019;
2. was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2019;
3. was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than July 31, 2019 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 3, 2019; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section 112.3145(7)(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 November 2, 2019; 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.

Signed Lori Edwards

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
Lori Edwards
BARTOW, FL 33831-1460

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Lake Hamilton, FL 33851

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- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

Marisol Ortega 266639
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton, FL 33851

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2. Article Number *(Transfer from service label)*
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature
X. ☐ Agent ☐ Addressee

B. Received by *(Printed Name)* C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

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Street and Po Box 1035

City, State Lake Hamilton, FL 33851

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

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Ft. Meade Daily News

Government Offices closed during Hurricane Dorian

Written by fortmeadedaily

Bartow, Fla. (August 30, 2019) —Polk County government offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 3-4, 2019 due to Hurricane Dorian. Offices are also closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday. All Board of County Commissioners facilities, Supervisor of Elections offices, Property Appraiser, Clerk of Courts and Tax Collector facilities will be closed.

For the most updated information, please continue to monitor your local news media, the county website at www.polk-county.net or call the Citizen's Information Line at (863) 401-2234 (locally) or toll-free 866-661-0228.

https://fortmeadedaily.wordpress.com/2019/08/30/government-offices-closed-during-hurricane-dorian/

PCPS Hurricane Dorian Updates

August 31, 2019 News 0



THIS PAGE WILL BE UPDATED, PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR PREVIOUS MESSAGES
(Sept. 4)

PCPS Schools and Offices Will Reopen Thursday, Sept. 5.

Polk County Public Schools will resume regular school and busing schedules on Thursday, Sept. 5.
Makeup days will not be required.

More information: https://polkschoolsfl.com/newsrelease/pcps-schools-and-offices-will-reopen-thursday-sept-5/

(Aug. 31)

PCPS Schools and Offices Will Remain Closed Through Sept. 4, Scheduled to Reopen Sept. 5

Public schools and district offices in Polk County will still be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Wednesday, Sept. 4 in response to Hurricane Dorian.

School is expected to resume as usual on Thursday, Sept. 5. Please note public schools and district offices were already scheduled to be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day.

We continue to closely monitor the storm and work closely with Polk County Emergency Management.

At this time, tropical storm-force winds and heavy rains are expected for our area beginning in the evening of Monday, Sept. 2 through the late evening of Tuesday, Sept. 3.

School buses are not safely operable when sustained winds are 35 mph or higher.

Polk County Public Schools personnel will need Wednesday, Sept. 4 to assess our facilities and school buses to ensure they are ready to welcome students and staff back on Thursday, Sept. 5.

The decision to close schools and offices was made in collaboration with Polk County Emergency Management personnel. Every decision we make is done for the safety and best interest of students.

Please be advised that the decision to close is not binding upon charter and private schools. Those schools should be contacted directly for more information.

Again, public schools and district offices in Polk County will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Wednesday, Sept. 4.

School activities, athletics and special events previously scheduled for Monday, Sept. 2 through Wednesday, Sept. 4 are cancelled as well. This includes the Polk County School Board work session and meeting, and Polk District College Fair previously scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3.

PCPS employee health clinics will follow the same closings as all other district offices.

We will continue to monitor news and weather reports, but at this time, school is expected to resume as usual on Thursday, Sept. 5.

We know the decision to close our schools and offices has a significant impact on our students and employees, as well as their families. We appreciate your understanding and patience.
We will continue to monitor weather conditions and work with Polk County Emergency Management.

(Aug. 31)

Update From Polk County Government: Polk Shelters Will Not Open, PCPS Schools and Offices to Remain Closed

The National Weather Service is forecasting Hurricane Dorian to shift east as it makes a turn north, taking most of Polk County out of the storm's direct path. The best chance for seeing tropical storm force wind gusts would be in extreme eastern Polk Monday night through Tuesday. Based upon updated favorable storm tracking of Hurricane Dorian, the county has made the following changes to prior notifications:

Shelters: No shelters will be open in Polk.

Sandbags: Roadway Maintenance units will remain open on Sunday, from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. as long as there is demand for sand.

If you obtained sandbags, please keep them for use again should they be needed through the remaining hurricane season.

Government Offices: All county government offices are closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday and Tuesday, Sept. 3 during the storm. All Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector facilities will open for business with regular business hours on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting and public hearings on Sept. 3 remain cancelled. The Planning Commission meeting on Sept. 4 remains cancelled.

Public Schools: Due to the forecast for heavy rain and tropical storm-force winds for most of the county on Tuesday and Wednesday, Polk schools will remain closed.

(Aug. 30, 2019)

Polk Shelters to Open Sunday

Based on the current track and estimated time of arrival in Polk County of Hurricane Dorian, the following public shelters will open at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 1:

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS		
Polk Co. Health Department	1255 Brice Blvd.	Bartow
Ridge Community High School	500 W. Orchid Dr.	Davenport
McKeel Academy	1810 W. Parker Street	Lakeland
PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS		
Lake Region High School	1995 Thunder Road	Eagle Lake

GENERAL SHELTERS		
Auburndale High School	1 Bloodhound Trail	Auburndale
Chain of Lakes Elementary	7001 CR 653	Winter Haven
Davenport School of the Arts	4751 N CR 547	Davenport
George Jenkins High School	6000 Lakeland Highlands	Lakeland
Lake Marion Creek Middle	3055 Lk. Marion Creek Rd.	Poinciana
Kathleen High School	2600 Crutchfield Road	Lakeland
Mulberry Middle School	500 Martin Luther King Ave.	Mulberry
Donald Bronson Community Center	124 Bronson Trail	Polk City

Polk County Emergency Management's Special Needs Program is designed to provide shelter and/or transportation for residents with medical or physical conditions and/or dependent on medical electrical equipment who require assistance during an emergency. Those staying at the special needs shelters have been prearranged and registered.

The only pet-friendly shelter that will be open will be at Lake Region High School, 1995 Thunder Road, Eagle Lake. Pet owners must bring shot records for their pets, an airline-approved carrying case or crate and pet food.

Reporters and media organizations will not be allowed inside Polk County shelters.

(Aug. 30, 2019)

PCPS Schools and Offices to Be Closed Sept. 3-4 Due to Hurricane Dorian

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PCPS employee health clinics will be open during regular hours on Saturday, Aug. 31, but will follow the same closings as all other district offices.

We will continue to monitor news and weather reports, but at this time, school is expected to resume as usual on Thursday, Sept. 5.

We know that the decision as to whether to close our schools and offices has a significant impact on our students and employees, as well as their families. We appreciate their understanding and patience. We will continue to monitor weather conditions as they develop and remain in contact with Polk County emergency personnel.

Polk County Public Schools will provide updates on the reopening of schools and offices using the automated telephone calling system for parents and guardians, as well as the district's website and social media (Facebook and Twitter). Local media will also be notified.

Due to an expected high volume of phone calls to the district office, please refer first to our website and social media accounts for updates.

(Aug. 30, 2019)

Sandbag Sites Open Throughout Weekend

Sandbag fill sites for Polk County residents preparing for Tropical Storm Dorian will be open throughout the weekend. Sand will be available at Roadway Maintenance Units Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day.

A maximum of 10 sandbags will be provided to each household to help prevent water intrusion into the home. The following locations will provide sand and sandbags. Please bring your own shovel.

Sandbag fill site locations are:

- Mulberry – 900 NE 5th, Mulberry, (863) 519-4734
- Lakeland – 8970 N. Campbell Road, Lakeland (863) 815-6701
- Fort Meade – 1061 NE 9th, Fort Meade (863) 285-6588
- Frostproof – 350 County Road 630A, Frostproof (863) 635-7879
- Auburndale – 1701 Holt Road, Auburndale (863) 965-5524

- Dundee – 805 Dr. Martin Luther King St. SW, Dundee, (863) 421-3367

Sunday's schedule could change, depending upon sand supply and increasing wind speeds.

Residents living in flood prone areas are encouraged to sandbag their homes. To protect against water damage, follow these simple sandbagging techniques.

At the area where water can enter a structure:

1. If not working on concrete, a small ditch should be dug just deep enough to go below ground level. The ditch should be back far enough from the entrance to allow room to place optional submersible (sump) pumps into the protected area. The edge of the visqueen should be placed in the ditch as a bottom layer.
2. Place the first row of sandbags in ditch, fold visqueen over the top of first row, place a second row of bags on top, fold visqueen back over, place a third row of bags on top, and so on. This creates an "S" pattern with the visqueen.
3. Depending on the size of the barrier, one or more submersible (sump) pumps should be utilized. The barrier will not completely stop water from entering the protected area. However, with the proper placement of bags, visqueen and sump pumps, water, in most cases, can be removed quickly.

(Aug. 28, 2019)

PCPS Reschedules JV and Varsity Football Games

Polk County Public Schools continues to monitor local weather conditions as well as the progress of Hurricane Dorian.

All junior varsity football games that were scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29 have been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

Additionally, many of the varsity football games scheduled for Friday, Aug. 30 have also been rescheduled for the following dates and times:

Date	Day	Team	vs	Team	Location	Time
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Bartow**	**vs**	**Haines City**	**Bartow**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Fort Meade**	**vs**	**George Jenkins**	**Fort Meade**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Kathleen**	**vs**	**Lk. Gibson**	**Kathleen**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Lake Region**	**vs**	**Santa Fe Catholic**	**Away**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Mulberry**	**vs**	**Tenoroc**	**Mulberry**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Ridge**	**vs**	**Lake Wales**	**Away**	**7:30 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Frostproof**	**vs**	**Admiral Farragut**	**Frostproof**	**6:00 PM**
August 29, 2019	**Thursday**	**Winter Haven**	**vs**	**Sebring**	**Away**	**7:30 PM**
August 30, 2019	**Friday**	**Lakeland**	**vs**	**Superior Collegiate**	**Bryant Stadium**	**7:00 PM**
August 30, 2019	**Friday**	**Auburndale**	**vs**	**Bradenton Bayshore**	**Away**	**7:30 PM**

(Aug. 28, 2019)

Polk County Board of County Commissioners Opens Sandbag Filling Sites

The Polk County Board of County Commissioners has announced sandbag fill sites for residents preparing for Hurricane Dorian.

More information, including a list of sites, can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/yygmu8m2

(Aug. 27, 2019)

PCPS Monitoring Tropical Storm Dorian

Polk County Public Schools is working with Polk County emergency management personnel to monitor Tropical Storm Dorian.

There are no changes to regular school operations at this time. Please continue to follow us here and on social media for updates.

Any potential changes to school operations, including school closures, will be announced via automated phone calls and e-mails, as well our website and social media accounts. We also will provide updates to area news media outlets.

Unless otherwise announced, all PCPS schools will proceed with normal operations. Please contact charter and private schools directly regarding storm preparations.

- Follow us on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter
- Follow us on Instagram

Previous
Polk County Public Schools Will Be Closed Sept. 3-4 Due to Hurricane Dorian

Next
PCPS Schools and Offices Will Reopen Thursday, Sept. 5

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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Marisol Ortega** **PID#: 266639**
Board Of Zoning Adjustment
Lake Hamilton

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 2018 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2019. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 3, 2019. 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 2018 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Supervisor of Elections for Polk County within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 3, 2019), 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 **August 18, 2021**. 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 3, 2019, 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, 2018:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2018; or

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.

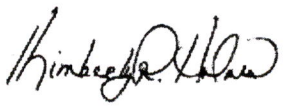
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

Marisol Ortega
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton, FL 33851 -1035

by Certified Mail on this Monday, July 19, 2021.



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
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FORM 1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS 2018

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Marisol Ortega
Lake Hamilton
Board Of Zoning Adjustment
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton FL 33851 -1035

266639

Ortega Marisol

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

CHECK ONLY IF ❑ CANDIDATE OR ❑ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

****** BOTH PARTS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ******

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❑ DECEMBER 31, 2018 OR ❑ SPECIFY TAX YEAR IF OTHER THAN THE CALENDAR YEAR:_____

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(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

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")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

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

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.

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FINAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE FORM 1, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

TO: Marisol Ortega **266639**
Lake Hamilton
Board Of Zoning Adjustment
FROM: Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator
DATE: September 20, 2021

On July 19, 2021, we notified you that your Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2018 was not filed and that you therefore have been assessed the maximum fine, for a total fine of $1500. At that time, you were advised that you had 30 days from the date that letter was transmitted in which to either pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Commission on Ethics.

It has been more than 30 days since we sent you that letter, and you have neither paid the fine nor filed an appeal. By not responding, you have waived your right to appeal the assessed fine.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by October 21, 2021 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements for payment of the fine, the Commission on Ethics will enter an order setting your fine at $1500 and will utilize all methods allowed by law to collect this fine including referral to a collection agency which can seek to garnish your wages.

Certificate of Mailing:

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

Marisol Ortega **266639**
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton FL 33851 -1035

By United States Mail on this Monday, September 20, 2021.

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NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

TO: Marisol Ortega **266639**
Lake Hamilton
Board Of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator

DATE: December 9, 2021

Enclosed is an Order issued by the Commission on Ethics at its meeting on December 3, 2021.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by January 10, 2022 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements to pay the fine in installments, the Commission will refer your fine to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) and their contract collection agency—Transworld Systems Inc.—will undertake collecting the fine.

This referral will increase the amount you owe by adding a service fee of 13% of the fine to the balance due, and may affect your credit rating.

If you pay your fine now, you can do so online by credit card. See the enclosed flyer or call us for more information. **Once your fine has been submitted to Collections you will no longer be able to take advantage of our online payment system.**

Failure to pay, or make arrangements to pay, the fine by the above date will also result in a copy of the enclosed Order being provided to your agency head, appointing authority, and presiding officer, as well as to the Florida Bar, if you are an attorney.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Enclosures

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Marisol Ortega,	)	**2018 CE Form 1**
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DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

This matter comes before the Commission on Ethics for the failure of Marisol Ortega to pay the assessed fine. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, the Florida Commission on Ethics is charged with assessing automatic fines of $25 per day up to a maximum of $1500 for persons who are required to file financial disclosure but who either file late, or not at all.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Marisol Ortega, Lake Hamilton, Board Of Zoning Adjustment, was on the list of persons required to file a Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2018.

2. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, Marisol Ortega was mailed a copy of the 2018 CE Form 1 no later than June 1, 2019, and was mailed a delinquency notice by certified mail no later than July 31, 2019. Additional attempts to contact Marisol Ortega were also made by Commission staff.

3. However, Marisol Ortega did not file a 2018 CE Form 1 by the designated due date. Marisol Ortega was sent a notice of payment due advising of the statutory rights to appeal or dispute the automatic fine in a hearing before the Commission if such appeal was received within 30 days of the notice of payment due. No timely appeal was received from Marisol Ortega.

4. More than 60 days have elapsed since the notice of payment due was transmitted without Marisol Ortega paying the fine.

5. On its own motion, the Commission voted to affirm that a fine in the amount of $1500 has accrued in this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

7. Marisol Ortega's failure to timely appeal the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of the entitlement to an appeal, pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(2), Florida Administrative Code.

ORDER

8. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes, the Commission on Ethics shall attempt to determine whether Marisol Ortega is currently a public officer or public employee receiving salary or wages from a governmental entity. If so, the matter will be referred to either the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida or the governing body for Lake Hamilton, as appropriate, for withholding of salary until the debt is satisfied.

9. If Marisol Ortega is no longer a public officer or employee, or if the Commission cannot determine filer's status, the matter will be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for collection or wage garnishment.

WHEREFORE, the automatic fine that Marisol Ortega accrued in the amount of $1500 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Florida Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date this Default Final Order is entered. After that date, nonpayment will result in collection as provided for in Section 112.3145(8) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on December 3, 2021.

December 8, 2021
Date Rendered

JOANNE LEZNOFF
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 SECTIONS 112.3241 AND 120.68, 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, BY U.S. MAIL AT P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709 (OR BY DELIVERY TO 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303); AND BY FILING A COPY OF 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.

Copy Furnished to:

Marisol Ortega
Po Box 1035
Lake Hamilton FL 33851 -1035

JL/kh

cc: Sara K Irvine

Form Year 2018 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	02/10/2022	No	Yes	Emily Prine	Received by COE on behalf of Polk Supervisor of Elections

Fine Year 2019 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	05/12/2020	$1,500.00	$1,500.00				

Fine Address: PO BOX 1035, LAKE HAMILTON, FL 33851
Email: Ortegamarisol1818@gmail.com
Org/Suborg: Lake Hamilton - Board Of Zoning Adjustment

Fine Year 2019 Appeal Information

2019 FINE APPEAL - FD 19-101	No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS	Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE	03/02/2023
APPEAL TIMELY FILED	No
PRINT APPEAL LETTER	
HEARING REQUESTED	No
APPEAL REASON	Other
APPEAL NOTES	
APPEAL NUMBER	FD 19-101
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED	
FINAL ORDER NUMBER	
FINAL ORDER DATE	

Fine Year 2019 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
05/12/2020	Fine Levied	+$1,500.00			Fined $1500.00

Current Balance: $1,500.00

Fine Year 2019 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/06/2019	Filer Correspondenc Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	Po Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851-1035 UNKNOWN@email.com	KimberlyHolmes

11/14/2019	Filer Communication Email	From: Holmes, Kim Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:52 PM To: 'Marisol Ortega' Subject: RE: Copy		admin system
05/12/2020	Fine Levied	Fined $1500.00		Journal: Fine_Polk_2020-05-12-03:15
06/11/2021	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice		Journal: Fine1st_2021-06-11-09:36
07/19/2021	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	Po Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851-1035 mortega@forthepeople.com	Correspondence Queue: 2021-07-19 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2021-07-19 00:00:00.0000000
09/20/2021	Filer Correspondenc Letter	Final Notice of Assessed Fine - Second Fine Notice	Po Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851-1035 mortega@forthepeople.com	Correspondence Queue: 2021-09-20 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2021-09-20 00:00:00.0000000
09/20/2021	Final Notice of Assessed Fine	2nd Fine Notice		Journal: Fine2nd_2021-09-20-01:52
11/12/2021	Collection Orders	Collection Order Notice		Journal: CollectOrd_2021-11-12-04:37
12/09/2021	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Collection Orders - Prepare Collection Orders	Po Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851-1035 mortega@forthepeople.com	Correspondence Queue: 2021-12-09 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2021-12-09 00:00:00.0000000
02/10/2022	Filer Communication Email	-----Original Message----- From: padilla Sent: Thursday, Februar		Emily Prine
09/20/2022	Filer Communication: Email	From: Westberry, Diana Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:45 AM To: 'solmarilegaldocprep@gmail.com'		admin system
09/28/2022	Filer Correspondenc Letter	Referred to Collection Agency 1 - Referred to Collection Agency 1 for Collection. Creates a delimited file for the spreadsheet.	Po Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851-1035 mortega@forthepeople.com	Correspondence Queue: 2022-09-28 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2022-09-28 00:00:00.0000000
09/28/2022	Referred to Collection Agency 1	Transmittal to Collection Agency 1 (Transworld Systems Inc.)		Journal: Referred_To_CollectionAgency1_2022-09-28-01:56

02/20/2023	Filer Communication Email	Emailed filer at marisolort18@gmail.com because she indicated a desire to appeal her fine. Sent fi		A Keith Powell
03/02/2023	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal	527 W Chicago Avenue P O Box 1035, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851 marisolort18@gmail.com	Correspondence Queue: 2023-03-02 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2023-03-02 00:00:00.0000000
03/02/2023	Fine Appeal	FD 19-101		Journal: Appeal 2023-03

Created Date: 3/22/2024
Type: Email
Created By: Emily E Prine
Description: Copy emailed Form 1 2018 to SOE

Created Date: 3/2/2023
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal

Created Date: 2/20/2023
Type: Email
Created By: A Keith Powell
Description: Emailed filer at marisolort18@gmail.com because she indicated a desire to appeal her fine. Sent filer a Notice of Appeal Rights, and Appeal Form and a 2018 CE Form 1 with a deadline of March 20, 2023 to file an appeal.

Created Date: 9/28/2022
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Referred to Collection Agency 1 - Referred to Collection Agency 1 for Collection. Creates a delimited file for the spreadsheet.

Created Date: 9/20/2022
Type: Email
Created By: admin system
Description: From: Westberry, Diana Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:45 AM To: 'solmarilegaldocprep@gmail.com' Subject: Florida Commission on Ethics Good morning, Ms. Ortega, Please be advised that you currently have a $1,500.00 fine for the late filing of your Financial Disclosure Form 1 for the year 2018. You can pay this fine one of two ways, online or by mail. To pay online, please go to www.flalegistore.com, click Pay Fines and type in your PID 266639. Only Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted. To pay by mail, please send in a check for $1,500.00 made payable to Florida Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709. If you would like to set up a payment plan instead, please call or email me back for details. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you, Diana Westberry Office Manager Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 (850) 488-7864

Created Date: 2/10/2022
Type: Email
Created By: Emily E Prine

Description:

-----Original Message-----
From: padilla <lizbethpadilla@polkelections.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 4:43 PM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Cc: Lizbethpadilla@polkelections.com; 'Cathy Bridges' <Cathybridges@polkelections.com>
Subject: FW: Completed Disclosures for 2018/2019/2020---Printed 2018 recorded

Please find the attached appeals form and form 1 for 2018, 2019 & 2020 from Marisol Ortega.

Kindly,

Lizbeth Padilla

Assistant Vote-by-Mail Ballot Coordinator Polk County Supervisor of Elections

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy Bridges <Cathybridges@polkelections.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4:05 PM

To: 'padilla' <lizbethpadilla@polkelections.com>

Subject: FW: Completed Disclosures for 2018/2019/2020

Cathy Bridges

Vote by Mail Coordinator

Polk County Supervisor of Elections Office cathybridges@polkelections.com

863-534-5888

Toll free 1-866-761-7045

-----Original Message-----

From: Marisol Ortega <MOrtega@forthepeople.com >

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:29 AM

To: FinancialDisclosures@polkelections.com

Cc: 'marisolort18@gmail.com' (marisolort18@gmail.com) <marisolort18@gmail.com >

Subject: Completed Disclosures for 2018/2019/2020

Good morning, attached please find the executed Statement of Financial Interests for 2018, 2019 & 2020, including the appeal of automatic fine for Form year 2018.

I did send the 2019 and 2020 but I am resending it to make sure that your Office has received.

I don't get a confirmation of receipt, if there is any way to respond and confirm That you have received this email with the attachments, that would be great.

Thank you in advance and have a wonderful weekend.

Marisol Ortega

Case Manager

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A: 198 Broadway, Kissimmee, FL 34741

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Created Date: 12/9/2021
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Collection Orders - Prepare Collection Orders

Created Date: 9/20/2021
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Final Notice of Assessed Fine - Second Fine Notice

Created Date: 7/19/2021
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter

Created Date: 11/14/2019
Type: Email
Created By: admin system
Description: From: Holmes, Kim Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 4:52 PM To: 'Marisol Ortega' Subject: RE: Copy of the previous statements submitted via email Good Afternoon Ms. Ortega, Please be advised that you were fined for failure to timely file the 2016 & 2017 form years. Although forms were received, they were received after the September 1st grace period date. Pursuant to State law an automatic fine of $25.00 per day for each day late ($1,500 maximum fine) was assessed for your failure to timely file the forms. There is no record of appeal for the 2016 & 2017 form years. Therefore, default orders were issued. See attached. Form Year Original Assessment Fine Amount Adjustments To Date Payments To Date Current Balance 2016 $1,500.00 $1,500.00 $0.00 $0.00 $1,500.00 2017 $350.00 $350.00 $0.00 $0.00 $350.00 Additionally, according to our records, you have not filed the 2018 Form 1, that was due by the grace period date, September 3, 2019. Therefore, a fine for this year will be assessed. Filer History for Marisol Ortega Form Year Organizations Statutory Filing Requirement Filing Requirement Fulfilled 2016 " Lake Hamilton-Board Of Zoning Adjustment Form 1 with Polk County SOE 11/01/2017 2017 " Lake Hamilton-Board Of Zoning Adjustment Form 1 with Polk County SOE 09/18/2018 2018 " Lake Hamilton-Board Of Zoning Adjustment Form 1 with Polk County SOE Form Receipt Not Recorded Attached is the 2018 Form 1 for your completion and an appeal form to appeal the fine that will be assessed for this year. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Kimberly R. Holmes Program Administrator Financial Disclosure Section Florida Commission on Ethics P.O. Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 (850) 488-7864 (850) 488-3077 (Fax) www.ethics.state.fl.us

Created Date: 9/6/2019
Type: Letter

Created By: System
Description: Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Created Date: 8/19/2019
Type: Postcard
Created By: System
Description: Courtesy Postcard Reminder - Courtesy Postcard Reminder

Created Date: 7/31/2019
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Collection Orders - Prepare Collection Orders

Created Date: 5/23/2019
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Final Notice of Assessed Fine - Second Fine Notice

Created Date: 4/15/2019
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter