

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re CURTIS FRANKLIN,	)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 21-091
	)	
Appellant.	)	Final Order No.
_____	)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session October 23, 2026, on the timely appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant has not requested a hearing before the Commission.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board for City of Fort Meade, 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 annual filing was July 1, 2021, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2021.

2. No later than June 1, 2021, the Polk County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant notice of the July 1, 2021, filing deadline and a blank 2020 CE Form 1 for him to complete.

3. No later than August 1, 2021, the Polk County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail.

4. On September 8, 2021, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a courtesy notice indicating that fines were beginning to accrue as his 2020 CE Form 1 had not been received. This notice was sent to Appellant at 607 South Houston Avenue, Fort Meade, Florida.

5. On September 13, 2021, Appellant submitted his 2020 CE Form 1 to the Polk County Supervisor of Elections.

6. The Commission sent Appellant a Notice of Assessment of his Automatic Fine on October 24, 2023. The Notice was sent to the 607 South Houston Avenue address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine, which was \$300 (\$25 per day for 12 days late), and included a notice of the right to appeal the fine, stating that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by November 22, 2023. United States Postal Service records indicate the Notice was delivered on October 30, 2023, although someone other than Appellant signed for the mailing.

7. Appellant then contacted the Commission on Ethics by telephone on November 16, 2023. Commission records indicate he explained to a Commission representative that he was late in filing the 2020 CE Form 1 as "he was in the middle of a renovation and may have misplaced it," but he filed the form as soon as he found it. Appellant indicated he planned to appeal the \$300 fine.

8. That same day, November 16, 2023, Appellant submitted his appeal. In the appeal, Appellant checked a box indicating there were "other unusual circumstances"—beyond those listed on the appeal form—causing the late filing of his 2020 CE Form 1, but did not include any explanation of what those circumstances might be.

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)(g)3., Florida Statutes, which has been 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.

12. 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.

13. Here, Appellant fails to include any explanation in his appeal as to why he was late in filing the 2020 CE Form 1. And while Appellant separately informed a Commission representative by telephone that he may have misplaced the 2020 Form 1 as he was "in the middle of a renovation," this explanation, without more, does not demonstrate that his untimely filing was caused by an uncommon, rare, or sudden event over which he had no control. Considering this, Appellant has not demonstrated "unusual circumstances" here to justify waiving the \$300 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby affirms the assessed fine of \$300 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 Friday, 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.

JMR: gps

Mr. Curtis Franklin
607 South Houston Avenue
Fort Meade, Florida 33841-3723

21-091

280613



STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Telephone: (850) 488-7864
Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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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: Curtis Franklin

Address: 607 South Harbor Ave. City: Fort Meade State: FL Zip: 33841

Daytime Tel.: 863-698-3450 Cell: _____

Email: roncoCurtis@aol.com Filer ID# (if known): _____

Public Employer: City of Fort Meade

Public Position: planning & zone

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.

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.

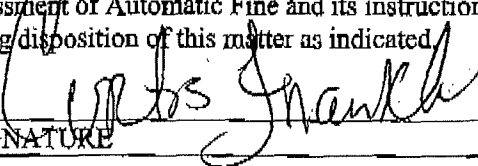
SIGNATURE

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

11/16/23

SIGNATURE



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

I, Lori Edwards, the Supervisor of Elections of
Polk County, hereby certify that each person whose ID
number, name, agency, and position appears above or 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.

Signed Lori Edwards
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

 Polk County Supervisor of Elections
Financial Disclosure System 2021


You will be logged out after
29:39 minutes of inactivity.
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Polk County

Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
2021 Delinquency Certification
Reported 11/09/2021

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.

14	09/13/2021	280613	Mr Curtis Franklin	Fort Meade	Board Member		63	Polk
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I _____, 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, 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.

Signed _____

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Confirm

Cancel

Polk County Supervisor of
Elections
Financial Disclosure System
2021

You will be logged out after
29:51 minutes of inactivity.

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Your 2021 certified filers report has been recorded as final
on Nov 9, 2021 at 05:00 PM.

The report must be received by the Commission on Ethics
no later than Nov 16, 2021

Thank you for your time and effort

[Log Out](#)

FORM 1**STATEMENT OF****2020** ✓**FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME :

Franklin Curtis

MAILING ADDRESS :

607 S Houston Ave

CITY : Fort Meade ZIP : 33841 COUNTY : 63

NAME OF AGENCY :
Fort Meade 280613NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT :
Board MemberCHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☐ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEERECEIVED
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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION

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**** 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")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
Mosare Company	Mowley Rd Fort Meade, FL 33841	

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
	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")

607 South Houston Ave Fort Meade, FL 33841
601 South Charleston Ave Fort Meade, FL 33841

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
	NA

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

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
	NA

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		
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

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: _____

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.

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

In re **Curtis Franklin
Board Member
Planning And Zoning Board
Fort Meade**

PID#: 280613

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, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2020 CE Form 1 was filed September 13, 2021 with the Supervisor of Elections for Polk County, you are fined the amount of \$300.00 (\$25.00 per day for 12 day(s) late). This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file.

HOW TO APPEAL

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(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.

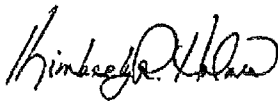
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

Mr Curtis Franklin
607 S Houston Ave
Fort Meade, FL 33841 -3723

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

Mail Piece Details



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Recipient Address

CURTIS FRANKLIN
607 S HOUSTON AVE
FORT MEADE, FL 33841-3723

Record / Case Number:
280613

Return Address

STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PO DRAWER 15709
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709

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32317

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October 31, 2023

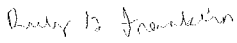
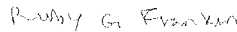
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Location: FORT MEADE, FL 33841
Postal Product: USPS Ground Advantage™
Extra Services: Certified Mail™
Return Receipt Electronic
Recipient Name: CURTIS FRANKLIN

Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:	 
Address of Recipient:	607 S HOUSTON AVE FORT MEADE, FL 33841-3723

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CURTIS FRANKLIN
607 S Houston Ave
Fort Meade, FL 33841-3723

Form Year 2020 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	09/13/2021	No	No	HOLMESK(SOE IMPORT)	Polk

Fine Year 2021 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
\$300.00	Appeal	10/23/2023	\$300.00	\$300.00				

Fine Address: 607 S Houston Ave, Fort Meade, FL 33841-3723

Email: romeocurtis@aol.com

Org/Suborg: Fort Meade - Planning And Zoning Board

Fine Year 2021 Appeal Information

2021 FINE APPEAL - FD 21-091				No Hearing Scheduled	
APPEAL STATUS				Active	
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE				11/16/2023	
APPEAL TIMELY FILED				Yes	
PRINT APPEAL LETTER					
HEARING REQUESTED				No	
APPEAL REASON				Other	
APPEAL NOTES					
APPEAL NUMBER				FD 21-091	
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED					
FINAL ORDER NUMBER					
FINAL ORDER DATE					

Fine Year 2021 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
10/23/2023	Fine Levied	+\$300.00			Fined \$300.00
Current Balance: \$300.00					

Fine Year 2021 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/08/2021	Filer Correspondence Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	607 S Houston Ave, Fort Meade, FL 33841-3723 romeocurtis@aol.com	KimberlyHolmes
10/23/2023	Fine Levied	Fined \$300.00		Journal: Fine Polk 2023-10- 23-03:33

10/23/2023	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice			Journal: Fine1st 2023-10-23-05:07
10/24/2023	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	607 S Houston Ave, Fort Meade, FL 33841-3723 romeocurtis@aol.com		Correspondence Queue: 2023-10-24 00:00:00
09/18/2024	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal	607 S Houston Ave, Fort Meade, FL 33841-3723 cfranklin@cityoffortmeade.com		Correspondence Sent: 2023-10-24 00:00:00.0000000
09/18/2024	Fine Appeal	FD 21-091			Correspondence Queue: 2024-09-18 00:00:00
					Correspondence Sent: 2024-09-18 00:00:00.0000000
					Journal: Appeal 2024-09

Created Date: 9/18/2024
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal

Created Date: 11/16/2023
Type: Phone
Created By: Diana Helen Westberry
Description: Filer called. I explained that he was 12 days late in filing his 2020 Form 1. He says he usually hand-delivers it to Polk County SOE every year. He said he was in the middle of a renovation and may have misplaced it, but as soon as he found it, he filed it right away. He plans to appeal. I also mentioned that his 2021 Form 1 was not received at all. I advised him to check on that & contact Polk County SOE, if necessary.

Created Date: 10/24/2023
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter

Created Date: 9/8/2021
Type: Letter
Created By: System
Description: Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Created Date: 8/20/2021
Type: Postcard
Created By: System
Description: Courtesy Postcard Reminder - Courtesy Postcard Reminder