

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
) )  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
COMPLAINT C2014-029 )  
) )  
David L. Ferguson, Sr., ) **CONSENT ORDER**  
Respondent. )  
) )  
Elizabeth A. Jenkins, )  
Complainant. )  
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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Elizabeth A. Jenkins, on September 16, 2013. The complaint against the Respondent, David L. Ferguson, Sr., was considered by the Commission on January 15, 2014, and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. A four count Notice of Hearing was issued alleging violations of S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-700(A) (Supp. 2013) for vacationing following the South Carolina Association of Counties summer conference at Hilton Head Island.

**STATEMENTS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent, David L. Ferguson, Sr., is a member of Fairfield County Council.
2. The Commission dismissed similar allegations against other members of Fairfield County Council at its March 19, 2014 meeting.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the Statements of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, David L. Ferguson, Sr., was a public official, as defined by Section 8-13-100(27).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

**DISPOSITION**

The State Ethics Commission dismisses this complaint because Fairfield County incurred no additional expenses for a longer rental of resort property following the South Carolina Association of Counties summer conference.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.  
CHAIR