STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF: COMPLAINT C2014-064	)	
Windy M. Price, Respondent.	)	**CONSENT ORDER**
Jake A. Evans, Complainant.	)	

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Jake A. Evans, on November 20, 2013. The complaint against the Respondent, Windy M. Price, was considered by the Commission on January 15, 2014, and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to entry of the following statements of fact, conclusions of law, admission, and disposition in this matter.

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. The Respondent, Windy M. Price, is a member of Atlantic Beach Town Council.

2. During the course of an investigation conducted at the Town of Atlantic Beach, staff spoke with the Mr. Darnell Price. Mr. Price reported that Respondent was his wife.

3. A review of Mr. Price's 2012 wage and tax filing statement revealed that the Mr. Price received gross pay in the amount of $27,695.39 from the Town of Atlantic Beach.

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4. On November 27, 2013 staff reviewed Respondent's original 2013 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) report filed on February 7, 2013. Respondent's 2013 SEI report did not disclose income her husband received in 2012 from the Town of Atlantic Beach.

5. Staff contacted Respondent, and she advised that she had retained legal counsel. Respondent stated that she was represented by Mr. Charlie Johnson. Staff contacted Mr. Johnson and he stated that he did represent Respondent. Mr. Johnson said that his client did not know that she was required to disclose the income her husband received from the Town of Atlantic Beach. Mr. Johnson said that his client would amend her 2013 SEI report accordingly. Respondent amended her 2013 SEI on January 2, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statement of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Windy M. Price, was a public official, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-100(27)(Supp. 2013).

2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

3. Section 8-13-1120(A)(2) provides that a public official must disclose the source, type and amount of income received by an immediate family from a governmental entity.

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Windy M. Price, admits that she inadvertently violated Section 8-13-1120.

DISPOSITION

The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Respondent Windy M. Price in violation of Section 8-13-1120, albeit inadvertent, of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Windy M. Price for violation of Section 8-13-1120 of the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders Respondent to pay an administrative fee of $150.00 within 30 days of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 2nd DAY OF September 2014.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

JAMES H. BURNS, CHAIR

Windy M. Price