

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2014-151)

Paul Hume,)
Respondent.)

Susan Breslin,)
Complainant.)

CONSENT ORDER

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Susan Breslin, on May 22, 2014. The complaint against the Respondent, Paul Hume, was considered by the Commission on July 16, 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, Paul Hume, was a candidate for Folly Beach Town Council in an April 1, 2014 election.
2. Respondent's pre-election and final Campaign Disclosure form (CD) reported zero contributions and a \$25.00 filing fee as the sole expenditure. Complainant alleged that Respondent used campaign signs and flyers during his campaign.
3. Respondent advised the Commission investigator that his failure to accurately report contributions and expenditures was an oversight on his part. He stated he would amend his final CD to include contributions and expenditures not previously reported.

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4. On June 12, 2014 Respondent did submit a CD which reported three contributions in the amount of \$750.51 and six expenditures in the amount of \$775.51.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Paul Hume, was a candidate, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1300(4)(Supp. 2013).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-1308(F) provides that candidates must itemize all contributions in excess of \$100.00 and itemize all expenditures.

DISCUSSION

Respondent provided the following statement: I believe that the computer only method of reporting combined with the rule not allowing our Clerk of Council to help, sets up an un-needed stumbling block for those of us that are less computer oriented. Additionally, for the record, I did believe that I correctly added my information on April 12th. Later when contacted by this department, I realized my computer error, corrected it immediately (which was confusing even with the telephone help of your Mrs. Wiggins) and supplied all information requested in a polite and timely fashion.

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Paul Hume, admits that he inadvertently violated Section 8-13-1308.

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DISPOSITION

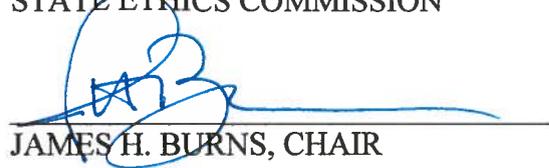
The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Respondent Paul Hume in violation of Section 8-13-1308, albeit inadvertent, of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Paul Hume for violation of Section 8-13-1308 of the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders Respondent to pay an administrative fee of \$250.00 within 60 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



Paul Hume
8/26/2014