

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
COMPLAINT C2013-010 )  
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Jake Evans, )  
Complainant; )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
Windy Price, )  
Respondent. )  
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**CONSENT ORDER**

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Jake Evans, on August 6, 2012. On November 28, 2012, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2012), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above-captioned complaint charging Respondent Windy Price with a violation of Section 8-13-1348; however, probable cause was found on a Section 8-13-1120 violation.

Prior to the call of the case, Respondent Windy Price agreed to entry of the following statement of facts, conclusions of law, admission, and disposition in this matter as follows.

**FINDINGS OF FACTS**

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Commission finds as fact:

1. The Respondent, Windy Price, is a member of the Atlantic Beach Town Council and she began her term on Town Council in July 2011.
2. A review of Respondent's Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) reports from

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2012 revealed that Respondent did not document that she received an income from the Town of Atlantic Beach. Respondent advised that as a council member she did receive \$200.00 per month. Respondent stated that she was not aware that she was required to report the income. Respondent said she would amend her SEI reports accordingly. Respondent amended the SEIs on December 19, 2012.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Windy Price, is a public official as defined by Section 8-13-100(27).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-1120 provides a public official must disclose on his annual Statement of Economic Interests all income received from a governmental entity. .
4. Section 8-13-1510(1) provides as follows:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required statement or report must be assessed a civil penalty as follows:

- (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter;

### **ADMISSION**

Respondent, Windy Price, admits that she violated Section 8-13-1120 when she failed to disclose the income she received from the Town of Atlantic Beach on her annual SEI.

**DECISION**

THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION hereby finds Windy Price in violation of Section 8-13-1120 of the Ethics Reform Act, and hereby adopts the Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by Windy Price.

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

AND, orders that Windy Price be diligent in complying with the filing rules of the Ethics Reform Act in the future,

AND, orders Windy Price to pay the late filing penalty of \$100.00 within thirty days of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2013.

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PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.  
CHAIR

  
Windy Price  
Respondent

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