

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
)
 IN THE MATTER OF:)
 COMPLAINT C2013-094)
)
 State Ethics Commission,)
 Complainant;)
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 vs.)
)
 Dorothy C. Tatum,)
 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 Commission on January 22, 2013. The complaint against the Respondent, Dorothy C. Tatum, was considered by the Commission on March 20, 2013 and probable cause found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. The Notice of Hearing alleged four violations of Section 8-13-1308(B). 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 as follows.

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STATEMENTS OF FACT

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

1. The Respondent, Dorothy C. Tatum, was a candidate for Bamberg County Council in an election on November 2, 2010 and she was required to file quarterly campaign disclosure forms when maintaining a balance in her campaign account.
2. Respondent received a letter dated October 15, 2012 for failure to file a July 10, 2010, October 10, 2010, January 10, 2011, April 10, 2011, July 10, 2011, October 10, 2011, January 10, 2012, April 10, 2012, July 10, 2012, October 10, 2012 Campaign

Disclosure (CD) forms. The letter was resent certified on November 9, 2012. It was delivered on November 14, 2012. Penalties began accruing on November 26, 2012.

3. On January 29, 2013 Respondent advised a Commission investigator that another person, Rose Elliott, was to file the Respondent's CDs and Respondent believed that all reports had been properly filed. She stated she would comply.

4. An analysis of Respondent's reporting requirements determined that she needed to file three quarterly CDs and a final CD upon the closing of her campaign account. On February 14, 2013 Respondent complied by filing the required CDs.

5. The penalties for the four late reports total \$20,000.00 (\$5000/report).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Dorothy C. Tatum, was a candidate as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4).

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

3. Section 8-13-1308(B) provides:

Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 13 1370.

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;

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Dorothy C. Tatum, admits she unintentionally violated Section 8-13-1308(B) of the Ethics Reform Act.

DISPOSITION

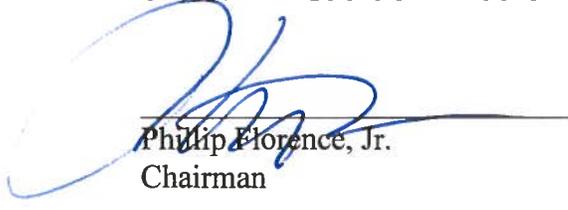
The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Respondent Dorothy C. Tatum in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B) of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by Respondent.

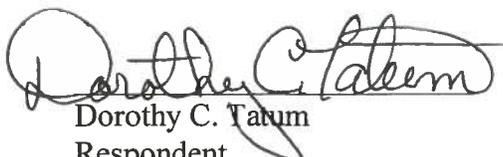
THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues a written warning to Respondent Dorothy C. Tatum for her violation of Section 8-13-1308 of the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders Respondent to pay a reduced late filing penalty of \$400.00 within 30 days of receipt of the signed order or it will revert to the original figure of \$20,000.00,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF May 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


Phillip Florence, Jr.
Chairman


Dorothy C. Tatum
Respondent