

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2012-115)
State Ethics Commission,)
Complainant;)
vs.) **DECISION AND ORDER**
Anthony Robinson,)
Respondent.)
_____)

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COMMISSION

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Commission on April 4, 2012. On May 16, 2012, pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2011) the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above-captioned complaint charging the Respondent, Anthony Robinson, with a violation of Section 8-13-1110.

Present at the meeting were Commission Members Phillip Florence, Jr., Chair, E. Kay Biermann Brohl, Priscilla L. Tanner, JB Holeman, Edward E. Duryea, George Carlton Manly, Jonathan H. Burnett and Richard H. Fitzgerald. Also present were the Commission's Executive Director, Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., and his immediate staff. The Commission found probable cause to warrant an evidentiary hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

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

1. The Respondent, Anthony Robinson, is a member of Kline Town Council and he is required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests form (SEI) prior to April 15th of each year.

2. By letter dated February 17, 2012, Respondent was advised that the Commission office had not received his 2010 SEI and a late filing penalty were being levied. By certified

letter dated March 13, 2012, he was reminded that his SEI had not been received. By letter dated April 4, 2012, Respondent was advised that a complaint had been filed against him.

3. On April 4, 2012 Respondent filed his 2010 SEI and paid the \$300.00 late filing penalty.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Anthony Robinson, was a public official, as defined by Section 8-13-100(27).

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

3. Sections 8-13-1110 and 8-13-1140 provide that certain public officials shall file a Statement of Economic Interests at the time of assuming the duties of the position and annually thereafter prior to April 15.

4. Section 8-13-320(10)(i) provides in part:

(10) to conduct its investigation, inquiries, and hearings in this manner:

(i) . . . If the Commission finds probable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Commission may waive further proceedings if the respondent takes action to remedy or correct the alleged violation.

DECISION

Based upon the evidence presented, the filing of the disclosure form and the payment of the late filing penalty, the State Ethics Commission has determined that the Respondent, Anthony Robinson, has complied with the disclosure requirements of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991. THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the State Ethics Commission waives further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 7th DAY OF June, 2012.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



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PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA