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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER
c 2025-071

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: State Ethics Commission
ADDRESS: 201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 253-4192

RESPONDENT: Leroy Faber
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Town of Eastover Councilman and
Candidate – Town of Eastover Mayor

Section 8-13-1140, SC Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires the filing of an updated Statement of Economic Interests for the previous calendar year annually thereafter prior to March 30. Records in the State Ethics Commission indicate that the Respondent was required to file the 2024 and 2025 Statement of Economic Interests.

Section 8-13-1308, S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires candidates to file Campaign Disclosures within ten (10) days of receiving or expending an accumulated aggregate of \$500.00 or more; fifteen (15) days prior to each election; within ten (10) days of the end of each quarter; and a final report when the campaign account is closed. In addition, certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain the total of contributions accepted, the name and address of each person making a contribution, the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee, and the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made from campaign funds. Pursuant to Section 8-13-1362 and Regulation 52-504 (C), the Pre-Election and quarterly report are required even when there have been no contributions or expenditures. Records of the State Ethics Commission indicate that a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure was due between March 23, 2022 and March 28, 2022 for the April 12, 2022 election for Town Council and a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure was due between July 26, 2023 and July 31, 2023 for the August 15, 2023 election for Mayor.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirements by a certified letter dated October 3, 2024 as described in the attached. To date, a properly completed Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure for the April 12, 2022 election, a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure for the August 15, 2023 election, 2024 Statement of Economic Interests, or 2025 Statement of Economic Interests have not been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1140, Section 8-13-1308(A), Section 8-13-1308(D)(1), and Section 8-13-1308 (F), S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended.

If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Richland

Personally appeared before me Meghan Walker Dayson who, first being duly sworn, says that she has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
20th day of August, 2025

[REDACTED]
Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director

[REDACTED]
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires 01/22/26

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2025-071)
State Ethics Commission)
Complainant.)
Leroy Faber)
Respondent.)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SECTION 8-13-1140, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Leroy Faber, Town of Eastover Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2024 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI), in violation of Section 8-13-1140.

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SECTION 8-13-1140, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Leroy Faber, Town of Eastover Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2025 SEI, in violation of Section 8-13-1140.

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Leroy Faber, Town of Eastover Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2022 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Leroy Faber, candidate for mayor of Eastover, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2023 Pre-Election CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO OPEN A CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Leroy Faber, Town of Eastover Councilmember/candidate for mayor of Eastover, did in Richland County, fail to open a campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics

Commission.



Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 20th day,
of November 2025.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Leroy Faber, PO Box 286, Eastover, SC 29044 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 20th day of November 2025, by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Rachael O'Bryan.

Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant

Columbia, South Carolina

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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on August 20, 2025. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against Leroy Faber (Respondent) was considered by the Commission and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to the following:

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. Respondent was a successful candidate for Eastover Town Council (Town Council) in an April 12, 2022, general election and an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor in an August 15, 2023, special election.¹
2. Respondent did not file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) prior to the April 12, 2022, general election or the August 15, 2023, special election.
3. Following his unsuccessful bid for Mayor, Respondent continued to serve as a member of Town Council.
4. Respondent did not file a 2024 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) prior to March 30, 2024.

¹ In May of 2023, the then-Mayor of Eastover was arrested and subsequently resigned, necessitating the August 15, 2023, special election.

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5. In an October 3, 2024, certified letter mailed to Respondent's address of record, the Commission notified Respondent of his failure to file the 2022 and 2023 Pre-Election CDRs and the 2024 SEI.
6. According to the United States Postal Service (USPS), the certified letter was delivered to Respondent's address of record on October 16, 2024, at 2:20 p.m.
7. On October 26, 2024, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$30.00 per day (\$10.00 per report).
8. On November 5, 2024, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$300.00 per day (\$100.00 per report).
9. Respondent did not file a 2025 SEI before March 30, 2025.
10. During the Commission investigation, Respondent informed Commission Investigators that he used personal funds to pay a \$50.00 filing fee for the 2022 election and a \$100.00 filing fee for the 2023 election. Aside from the filing fees, Respondent personally purchased \$100.00 in materials to print flyers at home for the 2023 election.
11. On September 8, 2025, Respondent came into compliance by filing the 2022 and 2023 Pre-Election CDRs and the 2024 and 2025 SEIs.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a "public official" pursuant to Section 8-13-100(27) and a "candidate" pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(4). Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
2. Respondent failed to file a Pre-Election CDR prior to the April 12, 2022, election and the August 15, 2023, election, both in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A), which provides, in

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relevant part:

. . . a candidate who does not receive or expend an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more must file an initial certified campaign report fifteen days before an election.

3. Respondent failed to timely file a SEI on or before March 30 in 2024 and 2025, both in violation of Section 8-13-1140, which provides, in relevant part:

A person required to file a [SEI] under this chapter annually shall file . . . an updated statement for the previous calendar year, no later than noon on March 30 . . .

4. Respondent purchased campaign materials using his personal bank account in violation of Section 8-13-1312, which provides, in relevant part:

...expenses paid on behalf of a candidate or committee must be drawn from the campaign account and issued on a check signed by the candidate or a duly authorized officer of a committee . . .

5. In accordance with Section 8-13-1510(A), Respondent has accrued \$15,100.00 in late-filing penalties (\$5,000.00 for each Pre-Election CDR, \$5,000.00 for the 2024 SEI, and \$100.00² for the 2025 SEI):

. . . a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report . . . must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and (2) after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

6. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.

² Respondent’s late-filing penalty with regard to the 2025 SEI is limited to \$100.00 because he did not receive certified notice of his failure to file this report.

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7. Section 8-13-320(10)(l) allows the Commission to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for violations of the Ethics Act.

DISCUSSION

The Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to timely file a Pre-Election CDR prior to his April 12, 2022, election and his August 15, 2023, election; two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1140 for failing to timely file 2024 and 2025 SEIs; and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to open a campaign bank account. Through this Consent Order, Respondent acknowledges he violated the Ethics Act in each of these instances. In mitigation, Respondent states that he is eighty (80) years old and has served on Town Council for many years. Respondent states, and the Commission confirms, that this is the first enforcement action filed against him. Respondent further states that Eastover is a small community with approximately 600 residents. Respondent states that he did not raise or spend funds aside from the aforementioned \$100.00 in personal funds, which he used to print flyers at home. Respondent states that he distributed the flyers as he went door-to-door in 2023. Respondent states that he did not intend to hide anything from the Commission or the public.

DISPOSITION

1. The Commission finds Respondent in violation of two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1308(A), two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1140, and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312.
2. The Commission adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues this Public Reprimand and orders Respondent to pay the Commission, within nine (9) months from receipt of this Order, a reduced late-filing penalty of \$400.00 (\$100.00 for each report) and an administrative fee of \$500.00, for

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a total of \$900.00. The Commission declines to assess a civil penalty for violation of Section 8-13-1312 given the facts and mitigation referenced herein.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that he is confessing to a judgment of \$900.00 if he does not make payment as provided for in this Order, in which case the Commission shall file a Judgment against Respondent with the County Clerk of Court in Respondent's last known County of residence, who shall enter this Order in the amount of \$900.00 (less any money paid) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



LEROY FABER
RESPONDENT