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COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re JOHN POLINSKY,	)	
	)	Complaint No. 22-205
Respondent.	)	
	)	

DETERMINATION OF INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION
AND ORDER TO INVESTIGATE

UPON REVIEW of records of the Commission on Ethics, I find as follows:

1. The Respondent, John Polinski, allegedly served, in the year 2018, as Fire Chief on the Board of Commissioners for the Dorcas Fire District. Respondent is currently listed as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator for the Dorcas Fire District.

2. The Respondent failed or refused to file a 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, on or before September 3, 2019, the date automatic fines of $25 per day began to accrue under Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

3. As of November 2, 2019, the Respondent accrued the maximum fine ($1,500) authorized under Section 112.3145(8)(g).

4. The Respondent was sent or received notice regarding the fine assessment for failure to file a 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests.

5. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, if a person holding public office or public employment fails or refuses to file an annual statement for any year in which the person received notice from the Commission regarding the failure to file and has accrued the maximum automatic fine authorized under Section 112.3145(8)(g), regardless of whether the fine

imposed was paid or collected, the Commission shall initiate an investigation and conduct a public hearing without receipt of a complaint to determine whether the person's failure to file is willful.

6. The facts stated in this order are sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics as set forth in Section 112.3145(9)(c).

WHEREFORE staff of the Commission on Ethics shall conduct an investigation of this matter for a probable cause determination as to whether the Respondent has willfully failed or refused to file an annual disclosure statement, as set forth above.

December 12, 2022
Date

Kerrie J. Stillman
Executive Director

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