

In re TONYA GRIFFIN

Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 20-041

2. No later than June 1, 2020, the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections mailed a 2019 CE Form 1 to Appellant at 2499 Durrance Ln., Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

3. No later than August 1, 2020, the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections sent a notice of delinquency by certified mail to Appellant at 2499 Durrance Ln. The mailing was returned to the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections marked as "Return to Sender."

4. On September 9, 2020, the Commission on Ethics mailed a courtesy notice of fines accruing to Appellant at 2499 Durrance Ln.

5. On March 16, 2021, the Commission mailed a Notice of Assessed Fine to Appellant at 2499 Durrance Ln. It indicated that the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$1,500 (\$25 per day for up to 60 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by April 15, 2021.

6. On March 30, 2021, the Commission on Ethics received Appellant's 2019 CE Form 1.

7. On April 14, 2021, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of her automatic fine for Form Year 2019. In Part B of her appeal form, Appellant checked "Sickness or injury" and "Other unusual circumstance" as the general reason for her appeal. In Part C of her appeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide a detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote that in 2020 her husband was diagnosed with a serious illness and hospitalized, leaving Appellant to care for the family ranch. Appellant also noted that in August of 2020 her father was diagnosed with bone cancer and Appellant drove to visit him before his passing in early September 2021. Appellant provided medical records to verify her statements.

Conclusions of Law

8. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

9. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

10. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)(2)) states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

11. Pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(4), F.A.C., "unusual circumstances" means uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to ensure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

12. Here, Appellant stated that in 2020 her husband was diagnosed with a serious illness and hospitalized, leaving Appellant to care for the family ranch. Appellant also noted that in August of 2020 her father was diagnosed with bone cancer and Appellant drove to visit him before his passing in early September 2021. Appellant provided medical records to verify her statements. Additionally, the notice from the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections was marked "Return to Sender," meaning that Respondent did not receive timely notice of his obligation to file.

Considering Appellant's claims, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstances" here that prevented the timely filing of the financial disclosure form that justify waiving the \$1,500 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to timely file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$1,500.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on October 23, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jeremy M. Rodgers
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

JMR: jfh

Tonya Griffin
2499 Durrance Ln.,
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



20-041 271794

STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Tallahassee, FL 32303
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APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2019

DIRECTIONS: The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

IMPORTANT: TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION

Name: Tonya Griffin

Address: 2499 Durrance Lane City: Drmond Beach State: FL Zip: 32174

Daytime Tel.: (386) 566-2216 Cell: same

Email: tonyaLgriffin@gmail.com Filer ID# (if known): 271794

Public Employer: Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development Dist. No. 1

Public Position: Vice Chair
Board of Supervisors

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

- a. ☒ **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury) *of my spouse John Wayne Griffin*
- b. ☐ **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
- c. ☐ **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
- d. ☐ **Left public position prior to December 31, 2019** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2019)
- e. ☒ **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f. ☐ **Not required to file** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

Please see attached.

OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

☐ In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

SIGNATURE

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

4/13/21

DATE

John Wayne Griffin

SIGNATURE

Date: April 14, 2021

To: Commission on Ethics

Via email: dislosure@leg.state.fl.us

From: Tonya Griffin

Filer ID# 271794

2499 Durrance Lane

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Re: Appeal of Automatic Fine for Form Year 2019

To whom this may concern:

Please accept the following explanation of unusual circumstances out of my control, resulting in my lack of filing the 2019 CE Form 1 within the grace period of 9/1/2020.

As to Part B: a. Sickness or injury: My husband John Wayne Griffin is a "Rancher" and in 2020 he was diagnosed with Osteomyelitis of the Sacrum, Iliac or Pelvis and SI Joint. This left me with having to take care of the day-to-day operation of our ranch/boarding facility that he had always done as well as, working three days a week out of town and being his caregiver which, included administering two different courses of IV antibiotic treatment, 6 weeks, each: 12 weeks total. He also was hospitalized on two different occasions at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville as you will find in his medical notes attached and numbered 1-10 from Mayo Clinic.

As to Part B: e. Other unusual circumstances: My father who lived in Knoxville, TN was diagnosed with bone cancer in August. I drove to see him the last week of August and he passed away on 9/8/21. I came home to Florida and then returned to Tennessee for his services the later of September and family business. I have attached the filed Petition to Open Estate and For Letters Testamentary for my father's estate numbered 11.

On 3/30/21 both 2019 and 2020 completed forms were emailed. Please advise if further documentation is required.

Thank you,



Tonya Griffin

FORM 1

STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2019

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Tonya Griffin
Vice Chair
Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development District
No. 1
Board of Supervisors
2499 Durrance Ln
Ormond Beach FL 32174 -2574



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271794

Griffin Tonya

CHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☒ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE**** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ****

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):

☐ COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR ☒ DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A - PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
Varacore Commercial Properties, LLC	1451 N US Hwy 1 #13 Ormond Beach FL 32174	Construction / Development

PART B - SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME

[Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE
N/A			

PART C - REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

N/A

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

TYPE OF INTANGIBLE

BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES

N/A

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR

ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

Synovus Bank

Clyde Morris Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

BUSINESS ENTITY # 1

BUSINESS ENTITY # 2

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY

N/A

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY

PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY

POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY

I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS

NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST

PART G — TRAINING

For elected municipal officers required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

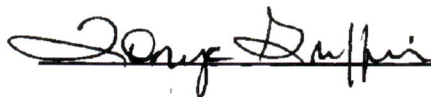


I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐

SIGNATURE OF FILER:

Signature:



Date Signed:

3/30/21

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

State officers or specified state employees who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2019.

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**Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
Delinquency Certification (2020)**

I, Lisa Lewis, the Supervisor of Elections of
Volusia County, hereby certify that each person whose ID
number, name, agency, and position appears above or on the attached
list:

(1) was sent a notice of the July 1, 2020 financial disclosure deadline and
a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1,
2020;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of
Financial Interests, by July 1, 2020;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than July 31,
2020 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1,
2020; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section
112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes; and

(4) did not file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, until the date
shown or, had not filed a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests by
October 31, 2020; and further

(5) that the date of filing shown is based upon the earliest of the following:
(a) when the Form 1 was actually received by my office;
(b) when the Form 1 was postmarked;
(c) when the certificate of mailing (if any) was dated; or
(d) when the receipt (if any) from an established courier company was
dated.

Signed Lisa Lewis
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



Lisa Lewis
**Supervisor of Elections
County of Volusia**

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September 11th, 2020

Kimberly R. Holmes
Program Administrator
Financial Disclosure Section
Florida Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Dear Ms. Holmes,

Attached is the Delinquency Certification and the certified mail receipts for our non filers listed below. We also made several attempts by phone and left messages at the office.

John Griffin – 271793 – Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development District No. 1- Board of Supervisors

Tonya Griffin – 271794 – Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development District No. 1- Board of Supervisors

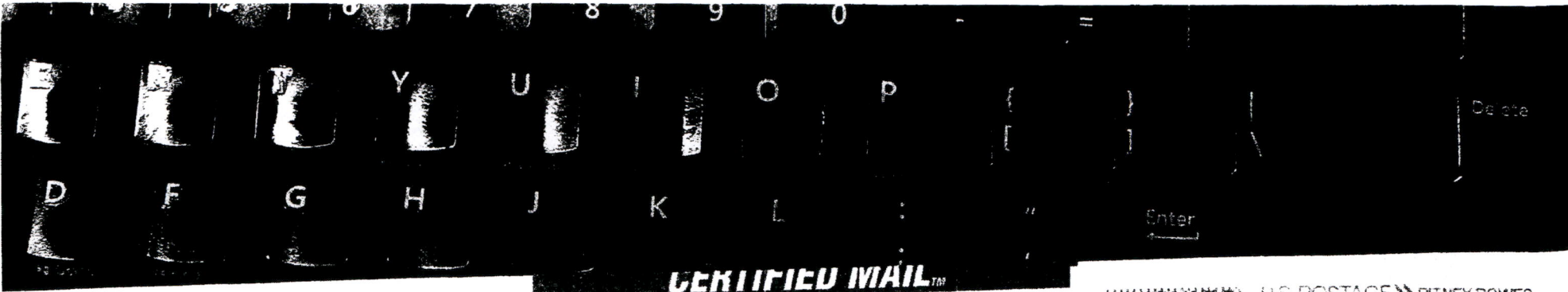
Please let us know if we can help with anything else.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Lewis, MFCEP
Volusia County Supervisor of Elections
1750 S. Woodland Blvd.
DeLand, FL 32720
(386) 736-5930, Ext. 15324

1750 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720-7915
(386) 736-5930 • FAX (386) 822-5715
www.volusiaelections.org

If your signature has changed, please update your signature by completing a new Florida voter registration application.
It is important to keep your signature updated, so that ballots and/or petition signatures can be counted.



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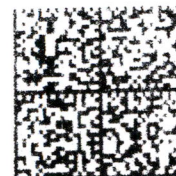


LISA LEWIS
Supervisor of Elections
1750 S Woodland Blvd
DeLand, Florida 32720-7915

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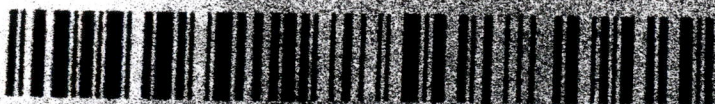
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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Tonya Griffin
2499 Durrance Ln
Ormond Beach, FL 32174 -2574



9590 9402 5706 9346 0766 56

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X

☐ Agent
☐ Addressee

B. Received by (*Printed Name*)

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

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| ☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery | ☐ Registered Mail™ |
| ☒ Certified Mail® | ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise |
| ☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery | ☐ Signature Confirmation™ |
| ☐ Collect on Delivery | ☐ Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery |
| ☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery | |
| ☐ Insured Mail | |
| ☐ Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500) | |

PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

Domestic Return Receipt

**BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re **Tonya Griffin
Vice Chair
Board of Supervisors**

PID#: 271794

Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development District No. 1

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2020. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2020. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, up to the maximum fine of \$1,500.00 (60 days late), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2019 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Supervisor of Elections for Volusia County within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 1, 2020), you have accrued the maximum fine amount of \$1,500.00. This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

HOW TO APPEAL

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **April 15, 2021**. **NOTE:** Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
5. **UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 1, 2020, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
 - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;

- b. **LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS):** documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;
 - c. **LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME):** documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;
 - d. **CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. NOTE: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
 - e. **LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2019; or
 - f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
6. **YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING:** You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

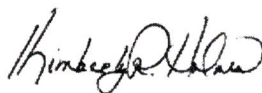
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

**Tonya Griffin
2499 Durrance Ln
Ormond Beach, FL 32174 -2574**

by Certified Mail on this Tuesday, March 16, 2021.



KIMBERLY R. HOLMES
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics
P. O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road, Building E, Ste. 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tel.: (850) 488-7864
Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

Mail Piece Details



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Recipient Address

TONYA GRIFFIN
2499 DURRANCE LN
ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174-2574

Record / Case Number:
271794

Return Address

STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PO DRAWER 15709
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709

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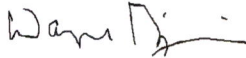
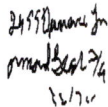
Dear MAIL MAIL:

The following is in response to your request for proof of delivery on your item with the tracking number:
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Item Details

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Status Date / Time:	March 23, 2021, 1:28 pm
Location:	ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174
Postal Product:	First-Class Mail®
Extra Services:	Certified Mail™ Return Receipt Electronic
Recipient Name:	TONYA GRIFFIN

Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:	
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TONYA GRIFFIN
2499 Durrance Ln
Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2574

Form Year 2019 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	03/30/2021	No	Yes	Kimberly Holmes	Received by COE on behalf of Volusia Supervisor of Elections

Fine Year 2020 Fine Information

FINE BALANCE	STATUS	FINE DATE	ORIGINAL FINE AMOUNT	ADJUSTED FINE AMOUNT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT PLAN START DATE	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE
\$1,500.00	Appeal	03/16/2021	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00				
Fine Address: 2499 Durrance Ln, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2574 Email: tonyalgriffin@gmail.com Org/Suborg: Hunter's Ridge Oaks Community Development District No. 1 - Board of Supervisors								

Fine Year 2020 Appeal Information

2020 FINE APPEAL - FD 20-041		No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS		Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE		04/14/2021
APPEAL TIMELY FILED		Yes
PRINT APPEAL LETTER		
HEARING REQUESTED		No
APPEAL REASON		Illness or Injury
APPEAL NOTES		
APPEAL NUMBER		FD 20-041
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED		
FINAL ORDER NUMBER		
FINAL ORDER DATE		

Fine Year 2020 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
03/16/2021	Fine Levied	+\$1,500.00			Fined \$1500.00
Current Balance: \$1,500.00					

Fine Year 2020 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/09/2020	Filer Correspondence Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	2499 Durrance Ln, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2574 UNKNOWN@email.com	KimberlyHolmes

03/16/2021	Filer Correspondence Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	2499 Durrance Ln, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2574 UNKNOWN@email.com	Correspondence Queue: 2021-03-16 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2021-03-16 00:00:00.0000000
03/16/2021	Fine Levied	Fined \$1500.00		Journal: Fine Volusia 2021-03-16-09:42
03/16/2021	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice		Journal: Fine1st 2021-03-16-10:02
03/30/2021	Filer Communication: Phone	Mrs. Griffin called. She received her initial fine notice, and wanted to discuss it further. I tol		admin system
04/23/2021	Filer Correspondence Letter	Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal	2499 Durrance Ln, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2574 tonyalgriffin@gmail.com	Correspondence Queue: 2021-04-23 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2021-04-23 00:00:00.0000000
04/23/2021	Fine Appeal	FD 20-041		Journal: Appeal 2021-04

Created Date: 4/23/2021**Type:** Letter**Created By:** System**Description:** Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal**Created Date:** 4/14/2021**Type:** Phone**Created By:** admin system**Description:** Ms. Griffin called to let us know that she will be emailing her & her husband's appeals today to disclosure@ email.**Created Date:** 3/30/2021**Type:** Phone**Created By:** admin system**Description:** Mrs. Griffin called. She received her initial fine notice, and wanted to discuss it further. I told her she is welcome to appeal it by submitting the enclosed form. She has had a sick husband as well as a death in the family. I advised her to send in the 2019 form 1 as well as her 2020 form 1 as she is still showing active on her board. She will be faxing everything over shortly.**Created Date:** 3/16/2021**Type:** Letter**Created By:** System**Description:** Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter**Created Date:** 9/9/2020**Type:** Letter

Created By: System

Description: Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Created Date: 8/20/2020

Type: Postcard

Created By: System

Description: Courtesy Postcard Reminder - Courtesy Postcard Reminder

Created Date: 3/4/2020

Type: Letter

Created By: System

Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter