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March 9, 2016

Brenden Pierce  
425 Jet Court East  
Eatonville WA 98328

Subject: Final Order, Brenden Pierce, PDC Case No. 16-052

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order for PDC Case No. 16-052. The Order assessed a civil penalty of \$750 against you for failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2014, which was required to have been filed by April 15, 2015, as an incumbent Town Council member for the Town of Eatonville.

Under the terms of the Order, you are required to pay the \$750 penalty and file the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2013 and 2014 within 30 days of the date of the Order, or not later than **April 8, 2016**. The penalty payment should be made payable to "WA STATE TREASURER", reference PDC Case No. 16-052, and mailed to:

WA State Treasurer - Public Disclosure Commission  
Financial Office  
PO Box 41465  
Olympia, WA 98504-1465

If you have questions or require reporting materials, please contact me toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

  
Kurt Young  
PDC Compliance Officer

Enclosures: Final Order in Case No. 16-052  
Information about Appeals and Enforcement of Final Orders

cc: Town of Eatonville Legal Counsel

IN RE THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT  
ACTION AGAINST  
Brenden Pierce

## Final Order

This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on February 25, 2016 at the PDC Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington 98504. The hearing was held pursuant to RCW 34.05, RCW 42.17A, and WAC 390-37. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

Commissioners Katrina Asay, Chair, Vice-Chair Anne Levinson and Member Grant Degginger were present. PDC Compliance Officer Kurt Young presented the case on behalf of PDC staff. The Respondent, Brenden Pierce, was provided notice of the hearing but did not attend or participate.

The Respondent is an incumbent Town Councilmember for the Town of Eatonville, since being elected to that office in 2007. As an incumbent Town Councilmember, the Respondent was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) no later than April 15, 2015, disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2014.

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**PDC Case No. 16-052**

1 At the hearing, Mr. Young testified on behalf of PDC staff. Mr. Young also presented  
2 to the Commission and summarized his memo dated February 9, 2016, with exhibits. The  
3 exhibits included information concerning the Respondent's prior case, PDC Case No. 14-086, in  
4 which he was found in violation of RCW 42.17A, assessed a \$300 penalty, and subsequently  
5 failed to file the F-1 report that was the subject of that violation.

6 Having considered the testimony and record, the Commission enters the following  
7 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

## 8 **II. Findings of Fact**

- 9 1. Elected and appointed officials are required to file an annual F-1 report by April 15<sup>th</sup>  
10 disclosing financial activities for the previous calendar year.
- 11 2. The Commission did not receive an F-1 report from the Respondent by the April 15, 2015,  
12 due date for calendar year 2014.
- 13 3. The Respondent is not eligible for a brief enforcement hearing under the provisions of  
14 WAC 390-37-160, since he has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2013 that was the  
15 subject of the prior violation found in PDC Case No. 14-086.
- 16 4. The Respondent did not file an F-1 report as of February 25, 2016, the date of the hearing.
- 17 5. The Respondent has one prior outstanding penalty totaling \$300 that was sent to  
18 AllianceOne for collection for PDC Case No. 14-086.

## 19 **III. Conclusions of Law**

20 Based upon the record herein, the Commission unanimously concludes:

- 21 1. The Commission has jurisdiction to hear this matter under RCW 42.17A and WAC 390.
- 22 2. RCW 42.17A.700 required the Respondent to file an F-1 report no later than April 15, 2015,  
23 disclosing financial activities for calendar year 2014.
- 24 3. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 on one occasion by failing to file an F-1 report  
25 disclosing his financial activities for calendar year 2014.

1 Based upon the findings and conclusions, the Commission orders that:

2 **IV. Order**

3 The Respondent is:

- 4 1) Assessed a civil penalty of \$750 for the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2014;  
5 2) Required to pay the \$750 penalty within 30 days of the date of the Order;  
6 3) Required to "cease and desist" from failing to file his required PDC reports in  
7 accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(4); and  
8 4) Required to file the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2013 and 2014 within 30  
9 days of the date of the Order.

10 In addition, the Commission directed staff to contact the Town of Eatonville's legal  
11 counsel to remind the Respondent and other town council members about the F-1 filing  
12 requirement.

13 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

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15 So ORDERED this 9th day of March, 2016

16 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
17 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
18 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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20 Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
PDC Executive Director

21 **ATTACHMENT:** Appeals and Enforcement of Final Orders

22 *Copy of this Final Order to:*

23 Brenden Pierce  
24 425 Jet Court East  
25 Eatonville WA 98328  
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2 Town of Eatonville  
3 Attn: Legal Counsel  
4 PO Box 309  
5 Eatonville WA 98328

6 I, Kurt Young, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the  
7 Respondent/Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date  
8 stated herein.

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Signed Kurt Young Date 3/9/2016



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March 9, 2016

Town of Eatonville  
Attn: Legal Counsel  
PO Box 309  
Eatonville WA 98328

Subject: Brenden Pierce, PDC Case No. 16-052

Dear Sir or Madam:

On February 25, 2016, the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) held a hearing concerning the allegation that Brenden Pierce, an incumbent Town Council member for the Town of Eatonville, failed to file the annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) as required for calendar year 2014.

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order for Mr. Pierce in PDC Case No. 16-052. The Order assessed a civil penalty of \$750 against Mr. Pierce for failing to file an F-1 report due April 15, 2015 for calendar year 2014. The F-1 report is an annual filing requirement for elected and appointed officials, due each April 15<sup>th</sup> for the previous calendar year.

At the request of the Public Disclosure Commission, PDC staff is alerting you to the enforcement action against Mr. Pierce, and offering any help necessary to assist Mr. Pierce and other town council members in complying with their disclosure requirements as elected officials.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8854; toll free at (877) 601-2828 or by email at [kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Kurt Young  
Compliance Officer

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