



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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June 9, 2022

Gerald (Jerry) Lord
515 N Market Blvd.
Chehalis, WA 98532

And delivered electronically to m_k.townstore@comcast.net

Subject: PDC Order, Case 108247

Dear Gerald (Jerry) Lord,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the May 26, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$750 in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$750 penalty is payable within **30 days** of the date of this Order, which is **July 8, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 report for 2019 within **30 days** of this order.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 80264).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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7 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
8 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re the Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 108247

11 GERALD (JERRY) LORD,

FINAL ORDER

12 Respondent.
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14 **I. INTRODUCTION**

15 This matter was heard in-person and remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure
16 Commission (Commission) on May 26, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. The
17 hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present were Nancy Isserlis, Acting Commission Chair (presiding), and
20 Commissioners William Downing, Allen Hayward, and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present were
21 Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney
22 General Chad Standifer representing Commission staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance
23 Coordinator, on behalf of PDC Staff. Respondent Gerald (Jerry) Lord did not appear on his own
24 behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et*
25 *seq.* and recorded.

26 The hearing concerned allegations that Gerald (Jerry) Lord violated RCW 42.17A.700

1 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing personal
2 financial information for calendar years 2020 and 2021 that were due no later than April 15,
3 2021 and April 15, 2022, respectively.

4 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 5 ○ Case Memorandum for PDC Case No. 108247 prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith and
6 dated May 18, 2022;
- 7 ○ Exhibit 1: Warning notice of the late filed F-1 reports, served April 18, 2022;
- 8 ○ Exhibit 2: Enforcement Hearing Notice, served May 12, 2022;
- 9 ○ Exhibit 3: Initial Order, entered January 11, 2021, PDC Case 80264.

10 11 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. Gerald (Jerry) Lord is a City Council Member for the City of Chehalis. His term
13 began on January 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2023.

14 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in
15 2020 and 2021 is required to file Personal financial Affairs Statements (F-1 reports) disclosing
16 financial activities for calendar year 2020 and 2021 no later than April 15, 2021 and April 15,
17 2022, respectively. The Respondent failed to timely file both reports.

18 3. From March 3, 2021, through April 28, 2021, PDC staff emailed reminders to
19 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

20 4. From March 10, 2022 through April 5, 2022, PDC staff emailed reminders to
21 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.

22 5. On April 18, 2022, PDC staff sent the Respondent a warning notice, by email and
23 address of record, regarding the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021. The
24 email was sent to Respondent's official email address on file with the PDC.

25 6. On May 12, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and address of
26 record, with a hearing notice for a May 26, 2022, Adjudicative Proceeding (Enforcement

1 Hearing) before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning Respondent's failure to file
2 the F-1 reports. The email was sent to the Respondent's personal email address.

3 7. On May 15, 2021, the Respondent filed the F-1 reports for calendar years 2020
4 and 2021.

5 8. Prior violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

6 a) PDC Case No. 80264:

- 7 • The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019, which
8 was due no later than April 15, 2020.
- 9 • At a December 17, 2020, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding the Respondent was
10 found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to
11 file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019.
- 12 • To date the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report for calendar year
13 2019 and has not paid the \$250 civil penalty which has been sent to collections.

13 **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

14 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A
15 RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative
16 Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

17 2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and hearing testimony, the
18 Commission concludes:

- 19 a. Gerald (Jerry) Lord violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file F-1
20 financial reports for the years 2020 and 2021.

21 **IV. ORDER**

22 Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that:

- 23 1. Respondent Gerald (Jerry) Lord is assessed a total civil penalty of \$750 which
24 shall be paid within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
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- 2 2. The missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019 shall be filed within 30 days of the
- 3 date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to comply with the filing of the F-1
- 4 report or fails to make timely payment of the civil penalties, PDC staff may send
- 5 the amounts due for collection without further action by the Commission.
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7 So ORDERED this 9th day of June, 2022.

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9 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
10 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

11 FOR THE COMMISSION:

12 *Electronically signed by Nancy Isserlis*
13 Nancy Isserlis
14 Acting Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

15 *Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:*

16 Gerald (Jerry) Lord, Respondent,
17 jlord@ci.chehalis.wa.us; k.townstore@comcast.net;

18 Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator, PDC Staff
19 tabatha.blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov;

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21 I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/ Applicant at
22 his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.

23 *Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith*
24 Signed

25 June 9, 2022
26 Date

1 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

2 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
3 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
4 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
5 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
6 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

7 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

8 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
9 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
10 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
11 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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