

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: Denise Rhodes,
Respondent**

Complaint No. 2014-20

ORDER

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on March 10, 2015, pursuant to Commission Regulation 1011, and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of the parties, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

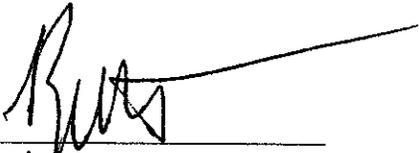
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted;

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement;

THAT, the Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-16(c);

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,



Chairperson

Dated: 3/10/15

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, Denise L. Rhodes, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Commission”) hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent was a successful candidate for the Charlestown Town Council in calendar year 2014.
2. As a candidate for municipal elected office during calendar year 2014, the Respondent was required to file a 2013 Financial Disclosure Statement (“Statement”) with the Commission on or before July 25, 2014.
3. The Respondent did not file a 2013 Statement with the Commission until November 6, 2014, subsequent to the filing of the instant Complaint.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a candidate for municipal elected office in 2014, the Respondent was required to timely file a 2013 Statement with the Commission, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-16(c).
2. By failing to file a 2013 Statement with the Commission until November 6, 2014, the Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-16(c).

III. SETTLEMENT

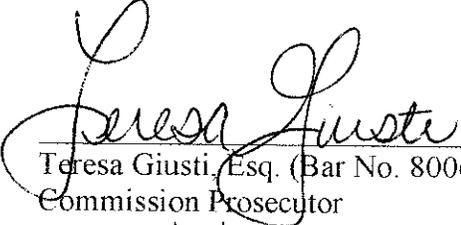
Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree,

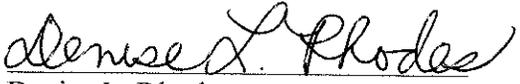
subject to the approval of the Commission, to the following, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 1011:

1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent failed to timely file her 2013 Statement with the Commission, in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-16(c).

2. The Prosecution will recommend, and the Respondent agrees to pay, a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2014-20.


Teresa Giusti, Esq. (Bar No. 8006)
Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 3/6/15


Denise L. Rhodes
Respondent
Dated: 3/1/15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tracy A. Teixeira, hereby certify that on the 10th day of March, 2015, I forwarded a copy of the Order and Informal Resolution and Settlement via US mail, postage prepaid, to: Denise L. Rhodes, 20 Niantic Highway, Charlestown, RI 02813 and Will Collette, 5539 Post Road, Charlestown, RI 02813.


Signature