

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: John M. Hoyle, Jr.,
Respondent**

Complaint No. NF2025-1

ORDER

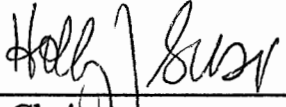
This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on October 21, 2025, pursuant to 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011), and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of counsel, and the proposed Informal Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

THAT:

1. The Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement; and
2. 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; and
3. The Respondent, John M. Hoyle, Jr., the former Building Official for the Town of Tiverton, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to timely file a 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission; and
4. The Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Entered as an Order of this Commission,



Acting Chairperson
Dated: October 21, 2025

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, John M. Hoyle, Jr., and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT AND ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent was first appointed as the Building Official for the Town of Tiverton on April 29, 2021, and served continuously until December 27, 2024.

2. On or about March 17, 2025, the Commission mailed a 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement along with instructions for filing to the Respondent at his home address of 1052 Great Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865.

3. On April 21, 2025, a reminder email was sent to all required filers including, but not limited to, the Respondent.

4. On or about May 30, 2025, a reminder letter was sent to those who had not yet filed their 2024 Statements including, but not limited to, the Respondent. The letter referenced potential penalties for non-filing but stated that the Ethics Commission would not initiate a complaint if the person filed a properly completed 2024 Statement on or before June 13, 2025.

5. The Respondent did not file the 2024 Statement by the June 13, 2025, deadline.

6. On July 30, 2025, after a determination was made that the Respondent's 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement still had not been received by the Ethics Commission, the instant Complaint was filed.

7. On September 10, 2025, notice of a probable cause hearing and a copy of the prosecutor's investigative report were mailed to the Respondent.

8. On September 30, 2025, the Commission found that probable cause does exist to believe that the Respondent violated the financial disclosure mandate by failing to file a 2024 Statement.

9. On the same day of September 30, 2025, after the probable cause hearing concluded, the Respondent presented to the Commission's office to resolve the instant matter and filed his 2024 Statement with the assistance of the Financial Disclosure Officer.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a municipal appointed official during calendar year 2024, the Respondent was required to timely file a 2024 Statement with the Commission pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-16(a)(5).

2. The Respondent's September 30, 2025, filing of his 2024 Statement with the Commission was beyond the time frame required by § 36-14-16(a)(5) and after the probable cause hearing.

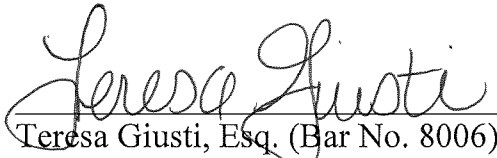
III. SETTLEMENT

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 R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011):

1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent failed to timely file his 2024 Statement with the Commission as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(a)(5).

2. The Prosecution will recommend, and the Respondent agrees to pay, a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. NF2025-1.


Teresa Giusti, Esq. (Bar No. 8006)
Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 9/30/25


John M. Hoyle, Jr.
Respondent
Dated: 9/30/25