



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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January 10, 2024

Tara Brune, Treasurer
City Council
6712 W 157th St
Overland Park, KS 66223

Re: Tara Brune's \$6,170.00 Civil Liabilities Owed to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Dear Tara Brune,

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

On November 18, 2020, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission ("Commission") was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your Amended January 10, 2020, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On March 2, 2021, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission, sent a letter by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

On March 25, 2021, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your January 10, 2021, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On September 3, 2021, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission, sent a letter by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

On May 3, 2021, the Commission's Report and Order for Complaint No. 697 was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested and by first-class mail. The order imposed a \$5,270.00 fine and found that you violated the Kansas Campaign Finance Act.

On September 3, 2021, and August 22, 2022, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission, sent letters by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil liabilities. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

On March 24, 2022, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your January 10, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On August 22, 2022, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission, sent a letter by first class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties seriously. In the absence of payment in full by February 9, 2024, the Commission intends to exercise any legal remedies available, including the State of Kansas Debt Setoff Program. If the Commission refers your debt to this program, the Kansas Department of Revenue will divert \$6,170.00 to the Commission from any money due you from the State of Kansas. Additionally, if you fail to pay by that date, your name will be posted on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility. The Kansas Debt Setoff Program may also retain additional funds due to you from the state as payment for collection costs. Please be further advised that the Commission reserves and retains all its rights and remedies.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of \$6,170.00 made payable to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs by February 9, 2024.

Sincerely,



Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

General Counsel