



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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May 24, 2012

Peter Berick
Tavern on the Plaza
902 Walnut St.
Coffeyville KS 67337

Re: **\$2300.00 civil penalty assessed by Governmental Ethics Commission**

Dear Mr. Berick:

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

I wrote to you on April 16, 2012, enclosing a letter from Carol Williams, Executive Director, dated March 21, 2012 regarding a \$230 civil penalty that was assessed against you, as candidate for city council, by the Governmental Ethics Commission for failure to file your January 10, 2012 Receipts and Expenditures Reports in a timely manner.

To date, the Commission has not received payment from you to cover this civil penalty.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties quite seriously. In the absence of payment **in full by June 30, 2012**, 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 \$300 to the Commission from any State of Kansas refund due you for tax year 2011 and subsequent years. Additionally, if you fail to pay the civil penalty by that date, your name will be posted prominently on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility

In the alternative, you may send a check or money order in the amount of **\$230.00** made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission **by June 30, 2012**

Sincerely,


Camille Nohe
General Counsel