

BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

IN RE: )  
MAYOR DAVID BRONSON ) CIVIL PENALTY APPEAL  
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FINAL ORDER

On September 29, 2021, the Alaska Public Offices Commission reviewed the assessment of a civil penalty against Anchorage Mayor David Bronson for a late-filed 7-day campaign disclosure report.<sup>1</sup> For the following reasons, the Commission orders Mayor Bronson to pay a civil penalty of \$50 for the violation.

Mayor Bronson was a candidate in the 2021 Anchorage mayoral runoff election. He was required to make a full report of campaign contributions and expenditures by May 4, 2021—seven days before that election.<sup>2</sup> The report was filed one day late, just after midnight on May 5, 2021. This resulted in a maximum statutory penalty of \$500.<sup>3</sup> Staff assessed this amount, finding that none of the mitigating factors in 2 AAC 50.865 applied.

Mayor Bronson appealed to the Commission. He asked the Commission to waive the penalty because the report was filed just two minutes after the deadline and because

<sup>1</sup> 7-Day Campaign Disclosure Report for David Bronson (filed May 5, 2021), available at <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34382&ViewType=CD>.

<sup>2</sup> AS 15.13.040(a); AS 15.13.110(a)(2).

<sup>3</sup> AS 15.13.390(a)(1) (providing for a maximum statutory penalty of \$500 per day for each day the report is late).

the campaign treasurer sincerely believed that he had filed the report before midnight on May 4. Staff recommended that the Commission not reduce the fine because none of the mitigating factors in regulation specifically address this situation.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission finds that the public was not harmed by the report's two minute tardiness and accordingly, exercises its discretion under 2 AAC 50.865(b)(6) to reduce the civil penalty by 90 percent, to \$50. The Commission encourages the Respondent to allow more time for filing in the future and to avoid cutting filing deadlines so close. Mayor Bronson is ordered to pay the assessed penalty of \$50 for the late-filed seven-day report.

This is a final Commission order. It may be appealed to the superior court within 30 days from the date of this order.<sup>5</sup> A request for the Commission to reconsider this order must be filed within 15 days from the date this order is delivered or mailed.<sup>6</sup>

Dated: October 11, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> 2 AAC 50.865.

<sup>5</sup> AS 44.62.560, Alaska R. App. P. 602, 2 AAC 50.860(e).

<sup>6</sup> 2 AAC 50.891(g).

<sup>7</sup> Commissioners Anne Helzer, Richard Stillie, Suzanne Hancock, Dan LaSota, and Van Lawrence participated in this matter. The decision was made on a 5-0 vote.

**Certificate of Service:**

I hereby certify that on this date, I served, by **certified mail and email** a true and correct copy of the foregoing in this proceeding on the following:

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