

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-51

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SUSPENSION OF ANY PERSON APPOINTED TO A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION FAILING TO FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY NJSA 40A:9-22.6 AND DIRECTIVES OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD.

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to file a Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) is a statutory obligation that is integral to our system of local government and public access to this information promotes transparency and is an important aspect of citizen participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with NJSA 40A:9-22.6 requiring an FDS be filed interferes with the fundamental system of checks and balance and is further a violation of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals required to file a FDS and fail to do so may further be in violation of the Local Government Ethic Laws which are administered by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that individuals who fail to comply with the law after reminders to do so severely impacts the trust of the residents upon their public officials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. Any appointed member to a Board or Commission of the City of Vineland shall, upon notice by the City Clerk, immediately complete and file the required Financial Disclosure Statement when due or any grace periods provided.

2. In the event any appointed member of a Board or Commission who fails to file a Financial Disclosure Statement and has received a Notice of Violation from the State of New Jersey, Local Finance Board, shall be immediately suspended from their appointed position until they have provided proof that they have complied with all of the requirements of NJSA 40A:9-22.6 and any directive from any Notice of Violation.

3. In the event the appointed official shall be suspended for a period in excess of forty-five (45) days as provided herein, that appointed official shall be immediately terminated from that position after the expiration of forty-five (45) days which shall create a vacancy subject to appointment in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and City of Vineland.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk