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☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE:** 9/18/2020

**DOCKET #:** 2020-766

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Phillip Michael Smart  
Address: 133 Valley View Street, Minden, LA 71055  
Office/Position: Bienville Parish Police Juror / District 2 / Bienville  
Dates of Service: 2018  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 2

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment  
October 12, 2019 election  
Report ID: PFD19009363  
Original Due Date: 8/12/2019  
Initial PFD Filed on: 8/8/2019  
NOD-amend Received: 12/20/2019 - Signed by: Phillip Smart  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/6/2020  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 6/26/2020

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 172  
Total days late from initial due date: 319  
Late Fee Order Received: 8/25/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/14/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 9/8/2020

## COMMENTS:

Phillip Smart is asking for a waiver for failing to amend his 2018 PFD Statement timely. Mr. Smart stated he moved when the Notice to Amend Delinquency was issued and was living in his vehicle without a mailing address. He then relocated to Minden, Louisiana and started a new job; This is when his mail started getting forwarded to him. As soon as he "determined" what information was omitted, he began "working on the process as soon as possible". As this was his first attempt running for office, he had the Clerk of Courts Office help him complete his 2018 Candidate PFD Statement.

Mr. Smart stated he is extremely sorry for any confusion. He stated due to Covid-19 economic stability is difficult at this time. He just had his 3rd child and his work hours have been cut; making it extremely difficult to provide for his family. He asks the Ethics Board to "please consider mercy on this matter", as he respectfully ask for the consideration of waiving his late fee.

This is Mr. Smart's first late filing and first late fee.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

**To whom it may concern,**

**I am requesting my late fee assessment be waived. I moved around the time the letter was requested for the supporting documents and my mail was not forwarded correctly. I was first living in my vehicle with no mailing address and then when I got a job in Minden, Louisiana, I locate there. This is when my mail started being forwarded to me. However, I did not receive the Louisiana Board of Ethics form until it was late. As soon it was determined I needed to send information I began working on the process as soon as possible. I am extremely sorry for any confusion, this was my first attempt running for office and the Clerk's office helped me fill out the paper work so it would be completed correctly. As you are aware economic stability is difficult because of COVID-19. I just welcomed my third child during this epidemic and my work hours have been cut, making it extremely difficult to provide for my family.**

**Please consider mercy on this matter. If you need any other information or have any questions, please call (318)607-5123.**

**I respectfully ask that you consider my request for a waiver.**

**Thank you for your consideration and please advise me further.**

**Sincerely,**

**Phillip M. Smart**