

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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

DATE: 10/30/2020

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division



FILER INFORMATION

Name: Robert Lane Thomas
Address: 129 Mabel Dr., Madisonville, LA 70447-9301
Office/Position: Madisonville Town Council / Madisonville / Town of Madisonville / St. Tammany
Dates of Service: 2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 1

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019
July 11, 2020 election
Report ID: PFD20009823
Original Due Date: 1/16/2020
NOD Received: 2/4/2020 - Signed by: Lane Thomas
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 2/13/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 10/22/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 252
Total days late from initial due date: 280
Late Fee Order Received: 6/22/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 7/13/2020
Waiver Request Received: 6/24/2020

COMMENTS:

Mr. Robert Lane Thomas is requesting a waiver or suspension for failing to file his 2017 Amended Candidate PFD. Mr. Thomas stated between the time he signed up to run for St. Tammany/Town of Madisonville Councilman and the deadline to file the Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, he signed a contract to purchase a new home.

He found out that the home was outside the city limits of Madisonville, which made him ineligible for the position he was running for. He stated he contacted the St. Tammany Parish in an attempt to withdraw from the race. However, was notified by the St. Tammany Register of Voters Office, that he was two days past the election withdrawal deadline. Mr. Thomas thanks the Ethics Board for any consideration.

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

June 23, 2020

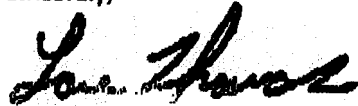
Louisiana Board of Ethics
P O Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

To Whom it may concern:

I am requesting a waiver and/or suspension of this assessment of late fee for the following reason. I was running for St. Tammany/Town of Madisonville/ Councilman. Between the time I signed up to run and the time the Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure Statement was due, I signed a contract to buy a new home. Subsequently, I found out the home is just outside the city limits of Madisonville which made me ineligible to continue to run for the seat. I notified St. Tammany Parish of this fact and withdrew from the election. St. Tammany Register of Voters told me I was two days late to withdraw from the election.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Lane Thomas
129 Mabel Dr.
Madisonville, LA 70447