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Louisiana Board of Ethics:

Re: Disqualification Plan

June 14, 2021 letter to Many Police Dept.

In regards to your letter dated June 14, 2021. My name is Cheryl Wooley. I am the appointed Chief of Police as of Dec. 16th, 2020 due to the death of Chief Roger Freeman. I will become the elected Chief of Police July, 1, 2020.

When I was appointed acting Chief of Police, it was explained to me by the Mayor that Assistant Chief Kyle Cook (who was hired by the City in approximately May 2020) was the son of Stanley Cook who had been a long time officer in the Dept. It was explained that Kyle Cook, as assistant chief was to have no direct supervision over his father and that Kyle Cook could not promote, give raises or directly supervise his father.

While in this position, I have had direct discussions with Stanley Cook over his role in the department, his activities and duties. I have excused Assistant Chief Kyle Cook from being present during these discussions to adhere to the rules as well as the spirit of these rules.

There have been instances when Assistant Chief Cook has created a scheduling calendar for the entire department but has used the same existing schedule for officers that has been in place for some time.

If Officer Stanley Cook has requested days off or sick leave, he has done so through me.

This is the Disqualification Plan proposed below.

If the Board of Ethics can make suggestions or corrections to this plan, I would be pleased to incorporate them into the plan.

Disqualification plan:

Officer Stanley Cook will get direct assignments from the Chief.

Officer Stanley Cook will submit any written or oral FTO reports directly to the Chief.

Officer Stanley Cook will submit overtime requests or vacation/sick leave directly to Chief. If the Chief is unavailable due to illness or leave, Officer Stanley Cook will submit the requests to Chief via phone or text.

Officer Stanley Cook will staff any investigations or critical incidents directly to Chief.

Officer Stanley Cook will submit any information as to vehicles, training or requests for training to Chief.

Assistant Chief Kyle Cook will not directly supervise the activities or duties of his father.

Assistant Kyle Cook will not approve any requests for leave, overtime or promotions with Officer Stanley Cook.

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