

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020E-03

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Jere L. Stambaugh is at all times material hereto a member of the Auburndale Planning Commission, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdictions of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 18-154 rendered on December 12, 2018, the Commission on Ethics found that Jere L. Stambaugh violated section 112.3143(3)(a), Florida Statutes, by failing to publicly disclose his conflict after abstaining on an October 4, 2016, matter that would inure to his special private gain or loss and/or he knew would inure to the special private gain or loss of his principal, and violated section 112.3143(4), Florida Statutes, by participating in an October 4, 2016, matter that would inure to his special private gain or loss and/or he knew would inure to the special private gain or loss of his principal; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 18-154.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Jere L. Stambaugh violated section 112.3143(3)(a), Florida Statutes, by failing to publicly disclose his conflict after abstaining on an October 4, 2016, matter that would inure to his special private gain or loss and/or he knew would inure to the special private gain or loss of his principal, and violated section 112.3143(4), Florida Statutes, by participating in an October 4, 2016, matter that would inure to his special private gain or loss and/or he knew would inure to the special private gain or loss of his principal.
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the violation of sections 112.3143(3)(a) and 112.3143(4), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed against Stambaugh, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Stambaugh that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.
3. Jere L. Stambaugh is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

DATE: February 11, 2020

By:

Joseph Jacquot
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

Laurel M. Lee
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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