

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-15

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 ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Williamson was at all times material hereto the City Manager for the City of Pahokee, Florida, 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 jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-043 rendered on October 26, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Chandler Williamson and therein found that Chandler Williamson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using a City-issued credit card for his own private benefit or for the benefit of others in violation of the City's credit card policies and directives, the City's travel policy, the City's rules and regulations, and state law; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-043 are accepted.

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. Chandler Williamson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using a City-issued credit card for his own private benefit or for the benefit of others in violation of the City's credit card policies and directives, the City's travel policy, the City's rules and regulations, and state law.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$4,500 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Chandler Williamson which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Chandler Williamson is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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