

Before the
GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY
AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION

**ORDER DENYING RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION
FOR LOBBYISTS WITH
UNPAID FEES OR FINES OR UNFILED REPORTS**

NOW COMES, the Commissioners of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and, upon consideration of the motion of the Executive Secretary and after duly voting, Hereby Orders pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-6, 21-5-71, and 21-5-72 as follows:

No person may register as a lobbyist or renew their registration as a lobbyist for the calendar year of 2017 if they have:

- a. outstanding registration, supplemental registration, identification card and/or badge fees, as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-71;
- b. unpaid fines and/or late fees arising under the Campaign Finance Act;
- c. unpaid fines and/or penalties arising from orders of the Commission;
- d. unfiled disclosure reports that were due pursuant to the Campaign Finance Act.

This Order is effective for any lobbyist registrations for the calendar year 2017. The resolution of any delinquency, above, shall allow the applicant to register as a lobbyist for the calendar year 2017.

So ORDERED, this 19th day of September, 2016.

By:



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Chair, Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign
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Online renewal for lobbyist registrations will be conducted December 1, 2016 through January 13, 2016. We hope to make this process as smooth and easy for you as we can. This year we have invested in substantially better lobbyist badge equipment, we are opening registration up earlier, we anticipate sending lobbyist badges much sooner, and we will be continuing the online registration and payment system that were implemented last year.

If you are a registered lobbyist and do not owe any fees, fines, penalties, or reports, you can use to the Commission's website at www.ethics.state.ga.us/efiling/default.aspx to renew your registration. The data you provide will determine the amount of your renewal fee. Payment may be completed electronically this year, and lobbyist identification badges will be mailed starting no later than December 23, 2016 for those with a current picture on file who wish to use it. Earlier registration helps assure that your badge can be sent to you quickly.

Please note that, upon renewal and registration as a lobbyist, you are required by law to file timely expenditure reports for each level for which you register. Failure to file reports timely leads to substantial fines imposed by law. If you are or have been a registered lobbyist and you do owe fees, fines, penalties or you have previous unfiled reports, you can use to the Commission's website at www.ethics.state.ga.us/efiling/default.aspx to pay the amounts owed and to file the reports. Once payment is received and processed, you can then log on and register or register. You may also pay amounts due in person.

Payment Process

The Commission accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards for payment. **Payment must be received at the time of the application is submitted.** Checks and Money Orders, if you do not pay online, should be made payable to the "Campaign Finance Commission." Please note that we cannot accept one check or credit card transaction for multiple lobbyist registration/renewal fees.

Lobbyist Badge Distribution

During the lobbyist renewal process you have the option of having your lobbyist badge mailed to you or picking it up. Please allow up to two weeks for delivery of your badge. While we do not accept submitted photos, you can use your previous photo or have a new photo taken by coming in to our office. If your badge is mailed at your request, and you then elect to pick it up at our office in person, an additional \$20.00 badge fee applies.

Renewal Deadline

Renewal registrations will not be accepted after 12:00 PM January 13, 2017: Lobbyist who fail to timely renew must register as a new lobbyist. **Lobbyist Processing Hours are Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM.**

Finally, please remember that **local level lobbyists** are required to file reports with the Commission **AND** with the election superintendent of each county involved. If the report contains expenditures relating to county or county school district affairs, a copy of such report must be filed with the municipal clerk (or if there is not a municipal clerk, with the chief executive officer of the municipality) of each municipality involved.

Questions on the lobbyist renewal process? Email AGILLIAM@ETHICS.GA.GOV