



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 23-0042-I – Alderman Franklin Don Romines, Houston Mo

Date: November 14, 2023

A complaint was filed against Alderman Franklin Don Romines on August 21, 2023, alleging violations of city ordinances prohibiting aldermen from interfering with employees who report to the city administrator. The complaint related to a request made of the city attorney. A second allegation related to a statement read by Alderman in open session which appeared in the Houston Herald following the meeting.

Statutes which govern the Commission require investigations to be completed within ninety days of receipt for presentation to the Commission for determination of whether there are reasonable grounds of a violation or whether the complaint must be dismissed. Any action by the Commission requires a vote of four Commissioners. In this instance, an investigation was conducted and a quorum was present at the November 14, 2023. However, it was not possible for four Commissioners to consider this specific complaint. Therefore, pursuant to Section 105.966.5, RSMo the allegation is deemed not to be a violation.

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