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**BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	Case No. 23-0008-I
v.)	
)	
ANGELA DYE, Candidate,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

This is the decision and Order of the Missouri Ethics Commission following a hearing on a Complaint filed by Petitioner, by and through counsel, pursuant to § 105.961, RSMo, and Chapter 536, RSMo. The hearing was conducted before the following members of the Missouri Ethics Commission: Commission Chair Robert C. Cook, Commissioner Vice Chair Helene J. Frischer, Commissioner Robin Wheeler Sanders, and Commissioner William Villapiano.

The Commission held the closed hearing on January 12, 2024. The Commission was represented by General Counsel Brian Hamilton. Respondent Angela Dye appeared *pro se*.

The sole issue to be decided by the Missouri Ethics Commission at this hearing was whether there was probable cause to believe a violation of the “paid for by” provision had occurred, found in § 130.031.8(1), RSMo.

Having considered all the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record on the issue within the Commission’s jurisdiction, the Commission finds by a unanimous vote as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Angela Dye was a candidate for the City of Winfield, Ward 2 Alderman position in the April 2023 election.

2. Respondent created and purchased two (2) magnets in support of her own candidacy.

3. Respondent displayed the magnets on her garage door.

4. The magnets should have contained the clear and conspicuous statement: "Paid for by Angela Dye" but did not.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. "Any person publishing, circulating, or distributing any printed matter relative to any candidate for public office or any ballot measure shall on the face of the printed matter identify in a clear and conspicuous manner the person who paid for the printed matter with the words 'Paid for by' followed by the proper identification of the sponsor pursuant to this section."

§ 130.031.8, RSMo.

6. "[P]rinted matter' shall be defined to include any pamphlet, circular, handbill, sample ballot, advertisement, including advertisements in any newspaper or other periodical, sign, including signs for display on motor vehicles, or other imprinted or lettered material[.]" § 130.031.8, RSMo.

7. Section 130.031.8(1), RSMo, further states the following:

(1) In regard to any printed matter paid for by a candidate from the candidate's personal funds, it shall be sufficient identification to print the first and last name by which the candidate is known.

8. There is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated § 130.031.8(1), RSMo, by creating, purchasing, and displaying magnets which failed to include an accurate "Paid for by" disclosure statement.

ORDER

The sole issue within the Commission's jurisdiction was whether Respondent violated § 130.031.8(1), RSMo. The Missouri Ethics Commission finds probable cause to believe Respondent Angela Dye violated § 130.031.8(1), and pursuant to § 105.961.4, hereby **ORDERS**:

1. Respondent shall comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130.
2. It is the order of the Missouri Ethics Commission that a fee is imposed against Respondent in the amount of \$100.00, pursuant to § 105.961.4(6), RSMo. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission within sixty days of this Order.

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of January, 2024.

By: Robert C Cook
Robert Cook, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission