



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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## **Final Action: MEC No. 24-0093-I: Dinah Tatman, Former Mayor Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO**

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Dinah Tatman. The complaint alleged Mayor Tatman violated Bellefontaine Neighbors' purchasing ordinances related to purchases over \$10,000.

Bellefontaine Neighbors' ordinances provide purchases over \$10,000 must go through a competitive bidding process and be approved by the Board of Aldermen. Ordinances also state, for the purpose of the purchase amount, "...services of the same type at substantially the same time is a single...and the total cost of all such items will determine whether formal competitive bidding procedure must be followed. No contract or purchase shall be divided to avoid competitive bidding procedures."

The Missouri Ethics Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Mayor Tatman violated Bellefontaine Neighbors' ordinances when she contracted with a company for the same type of services at the same time for a total cost over \$10,000 and when she had the company split the services across multiple invoices to avoid the competitive bidding procedures. From the facts presented, the Commission voted to refer the case to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Board of Aldermen for any further actions.

In February 2025, Dinah Tatman resigned from her position as mayor. On July 16, 2026, the Bellefontaine Neighbors Board of Aldermen voted to close the case involving her and took no further action.

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