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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
OF THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Plumbing Subcode Official (M0519R), Hillside

CSC Docket No. 2015-660

Salary Disapproval

ISSUED:

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The appointing authority's failure to dispose of the certification for Plumbing Subcode Official (M0519R), Hillside, while a provisional is serving in the title, has been referred to the Civil Service Commission (Commission) for enforcement.

The Commission has reviewed the salary disapproval issued against the salary of Juan Rivero and has made the following findings of fact:

- 1. Rivero is currently serving provisionally in the title of Plumbing Subcode Official.
- 2. There is a vacancy for the title of Plumbing Subcode Official and an outstanding certification was issued on September 30, 2013 from the M0519R eligible list.
- 3. The certification has not been properly disposed of and the appointing authority was advised of the required date of disposition.

¹ The certification only contains one eligible's name which is not Rivero. *N.J.S.A.* 11A:4-8 and *N.J.A.C.* 4A:4-4.2(c)2i provide that when fewer than three interested eligibles are certified and no provisional currently serving in the title is listed on the certification, the appointing authority may either: make a permanent appointment; make a provisional appointment from the list; make a provisional appointment of another qualified person if no eligible on the list is interested; or vacate the position/title.

- 4. The Certification Manager issued a Notice of Salary Disapproval to the appointing authority and afforded it an opportunity to appeal such action to the Commission.
- 5. No such appeal was taken, and no proper disposition of the certification was received; the salary disapproval, therefore, became a final administrative action.
- 6. By not properly disposing of this certification, the appointing authority is in violation of Civil Service law and rules.

In the instant matter, the appointing authority has refused to properly dispose of the certification issued to fill the vacancy occupied by a provisional employee. The appointing authority has not contested or appealed the findings of the Certification Manager. The payment of salaries for which there is a disapproval is illegal and contravenes Civil Service law and rules.

The appointing authority, despite being given the opportunity, did not submit any arguments or documentation for the Commission's review.

ORDER

The Civil Service Commission orders the appointing authority to immediately properly dispose of the outstanding certification. See N.J.S.A. 11A:4-8 and N.J.A.C. 4A:4-4.2(c)2i. Such disposition must be filed with the Certification Manager on or before thirty (30) days from the issuance of this order. See N.J.A.C. 4A:10-2.1(a)1.

The Civil Service Commission further orders that the costs incurred in the compliance process be assessed against the appointing authority in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:10-3 and N.J.A.C. 4A:10-3.2(a)5, to be remitted within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this order. In the event the appointing authority fails to make a good faith effort to fully comply with this order within this time frame, it is additionally ordered that fines be assessed in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, beginning on the thirty-first day following the issuance of this order and continuing each day of continued violation, up to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). See N.J.S.A. 11A:10-3; N.J.A.C. 4A:10-2.1(a)2; In the Matter of Fiscal Analyst (M1351H), West New York, Docket No. A-4347-87T3 (App. Div. February 2, 1989). This matter will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for enforcement and for recovery of illegal payments and fines as assessed herein if full compliance is not effected within thirty days.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

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