

Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

July 20, 2015

Mr. Darcy G. Richardson, Chairperson Peace & Freedom Party of Florida (59951) 7810 Fox Tail Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32219

RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Richardson:

On June 17, 2015, the Division provided you with a Notice of Intent to Cancel pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code. The notice informed you of the Division's intent to revoke your party's certification as an active political party based on the committee's failure to meet the following criteria:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2014 calendar year was \$500 or less; and

Failure to comply with the 2014 annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes.

The notice advised you to provide documentation showing that the party's registration should not be canceled. The Division did not receive a response to this notification. Accordingly, the Division hereby issues a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel.

If you object to this cancelation you must file a request for hearing within 30 days of the date of this Final Notice of Intent to Cancel. The request must be filed with the Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, The R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, and will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission for a hearing based upon the notice and any supporting documentation. If you desire a personal appearance before the Commission, you must include in your request for hearing a separate request for a personal appearance. Failure to file a request for a hearing constitutes a waiver of your right to a hearing and will cause a final order to be entered canceling the party's registration.





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If you have any questions please call Malcolm Chellman at (850) 245-6247.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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## 1S-2.050 Cancellation of Political Party Filings.

- (1) Definitions. Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise in this rule, the term "party" means any political party, to include a minor political party. "Division" means the Division of Elections.
  - (2) Cancellation. The division may cancel the filings by a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when:
  - (a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;
  - (b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;
  - (c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;
  - (d) The party's aggregate reported financial activity during the calendar year is \$500 or less;
  - (e) The party fails to maintain a public website;
- (f) The minor political party fails to file with the division the name and address of any replacement officer within 5 days after the death, resignation or removal of a party's officer;
  - (g) The minor political party fails to file with the division changes to its filing certificate within 5 days after such change; or
- (h) The minor political party fails to adopt and file with the division the governing documents containing the provisions specified in Section 103.095(2), F.S.
- (3) Notification of intent to cancel. The division shall send notification to the party's chairperson of the intent to cancel the party's filing or registration to the most recent address on file with the division for the chairperson. If the notification is returned undeliverable, the division shall send the notification to another officer of the party at the most recent address on file with the division. Within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the preliminary notice of intent to cancel, the party may provide additional documentation to the division showing why the party's filing or registration should not be canceled. Upon review of such documentation, if the division determines that the filing or registration should not be canceled, the party will be notified that it is in compliance. If after review of the additional documentation provided, the division determines that the filing or registration should be canceled, a final notice of intent to cancel shall be mailed by the division to the most recent address on file with the division. If no additional documentation is provided by the party within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the preliminary notice, the division shall mail a final notice of intent to cancel to the most recent address on file with the division.
- (4) Appeal of cancelation. If the party objects to such cancelation, it must file an appeal within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the final notice of intent to cancel. The appeal may be accompanied by any documentation or evidence supporting the claim. The appeal must be filed with the division. The division will forward the appeal to the Florida Elections Commission.
  - (5) Waiver. Failure to timely file an appeal as described herein shall constitute a waiver of any such entitlement.
  - (6) Hearing request. A party desiring a hearing before the commission must include in the appeal a separate request for hearing.
  - (7) Appeal not confidential. Appeals under this rule are exempt from the confidentiality provisions of Section 106.25, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 103.095(5) FS. Law Implemented 103.091, 103.095, 103.121, 106.29 FS. History-New 9-7-11.