



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

**Agenda Item # 2**

**TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves**

**FROM: Town Attorney's Office**

**VIA: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager**

**DATE: October 23, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Presentation regarding the new Form 6 reporting requirements for elected officials**

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**Background:**

Currently, elected members of a governing body are required to file a limited financial disclosure (Form 1) with the Florida Commission of Ethics. Sente Bill 774, enacted earlier this year, amends Florida Statute section 112.3144(1)(d) to require elected members of a governing municipal body to file a Full Disclosure of Financial Interests (Form 6) starting January 1, 2024.

It is important for Town Council Members to understand these new requirements because failure to comply can result in penalties including but not limited to fines and/or removal from office. Further, any Council Member who does not wish to be subject to the Form 6 reporting requirements must submit their resignation on or before December 30, 2023. The attached presentation covers the new reporting requirements; addresses frequently asked questions, such as when Council Members must report their spouses' income and assets; and includes information from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections concerning the procedures to be followed if qualifying periods need to be extended due to late December resignations.

**Recommendation:**

None.