

Campbell resigns from council after pleading guilty

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Alex Campbell's term on the Crescent City City Council came to a surprising end earlier this month when Campbell resigned after pleading guilty to one count of election fraud.

Campbell, who was sworn into the council in January and named mayor pro tem at the same time, pleaded guilty to making a false declaration of candidacy.

The plea came after Campbell was indicted on several counts alleging he ran for the city council while he lived outside the city limits.

When he was first indicted, Campbell acknowledged he owned a home outside the city limits but claimed he was renting a room inside the city limits and spent the majority of his time there.

According to court records and information from other media sites, Campbell submitted a form to the Del Norte County clerk last year stating he lived in the city limits while he actually maintained his residence in the county.

After pleading guilty to the one charge, two counts of forgery were dropped. Campbell faces two years of felony probation. He also faces fines of up to \$20,000 and a restitution fine of up to \$10,000.

Campbell's attorney, Keith V. Morris, told the Wild Rivers Outpost a \$20,000 fine is too high, though he acknowledged his client would likely be responsible for some restitution.

While it wasn't a requirement in his probation agreement, Campbell said he was resigning from the city council.

City Manager Eric Wier acknowledged his office received an allegation that Campbell lived outside the city and turned over the complaint to the district attorney's office.

Wier said he only heard about the indictment after it was made public, and he shared that information with the rest of the city council.