

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BERKELEY
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2023 CP-08-03019

Joy D. Phillips individually and as guardian of
Sierra A. Phillips, and James C. Phillips

Community Options, Inc., Angela Stuckey,
Shirley Anderson, and Willa Manigault

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: The Court

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
☐ Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered. ☐ See Page 2 for additional information.
- ☐ **ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other
- ☐ **ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy; ☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other
- ☐ **STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court: This matter came before the Court on the Defendant Motion to Alter, Amend, and/or Reconsider, filed on April 3, 2026. The Defendant asks the Court to Reconsider its Order, filed on March 25, 2026 that granted Plaintiff's Motion to Compel. The Court timely received a copy of the Motion for Reconsideration; a Memorandum in Opposition was filed by Plaintiff. This motion is disposed of without the necessity of a hearing and decided on the record and briefs.

"The purpose of Rule 59(e), SCRPC, to alter or amend the judgment is to request the trial judge to reconsider matters properly encompassed in a decision on the merits." *Arnold v. State*, 309 S.C. 157, 172, 420 S.E.2d 834, 842 (1992). "A party may wish to file such a motion when she believes the court has misunderstood, failed to fully consider, or perhaps failed to rule on an argument or issue, and the party wishes for the court to reconsider or rule on it. A party *must* file such a motion when an issue or argument has been raised but not ruled on, in order to preserve it for appellate review." *Elam v. South Carolina Dept. of Transp.*, 361 S.C. 9, 24, 602 S.E.2d 772, 780 (2004) (emphasis in original). "A party cannot use a motion to reconsider to present an issue he could have raised prior to judgment but did not." *Anderson Memorial Hosp., Inc., v. Hagen*, 313 S.C. 389, 434 S.E.2d 268 (1993); See also *Arnold v. State*, 309 S.C. 157, 172-173, 420 S.E.2d 834, 842 (1992).

Defendant assertions that the Order entered by the Court exceeded the scope of the requested relief is without merit. The Court carefully considered the Plaintiff's request, Defendant objections, and burdens/protections available to Defendant.

After consideration of the record, as well as the various interests balanced by the Court at the time of the ruling, the Defendant Motion to Alter, Amend, and/or Reconsider is heard and on the basis of the rationale set forth in the Plaintiff Memorandum in Opposition is respectfully **DENIED**.

Further, the Plaintiff request for attorney fees related to filing its responsive pleadings is likewise **DENIED**.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☐ ends ☒ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk : _____

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Circuit Court Judge

Judge Code

Date

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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter:

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And It Is So Ordered!

s/Dale E. Van Slambrook S.C. Circuit Court Judge
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