

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Case No. 2026-001200

Regina Ford, Appellant,

v.

Zack Alleyne, Respondent.

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RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO WAIVE FILING FEE AND TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Respondent, **Zack Alleyne**, appearing **pro se**, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order permitting Respondent to proceed **In Forma Pauperis** and waiving the required **\$50 filing fee** associated with Respondent's pending motion. In support of this Motion, Respondent states as follows:

I. Background

1. Respondent is the prevailing party in the underlying ejectment action.
2. Respondent has continued to incur significant expenses defending this matter through multiple levels of litigation.
3. Respondent has been required to respond to numerous motions and filings submitted by Appellant, resulting in additional costs and financial strain.

II. Financial Hardship

4. Respondent is presently experiencing substantial financial hardship.
5. During the first year of operating Respondent's commercial business, the business generated approximately **\$121,000** in annual revenue.
6. Over the course of Appellant's tenancy, recurring late and irregular rent payments contributed to ongoing cash-flow disruptions that affected Respondent's ability to operate and reinvest in the business.
7. Respondent has been required to use available operating funds to satisfy business expenses, maintain the leased premises, and meet personal financial obligations.
8. As a result of these financial challenges and the continued costs associated with this litigation, Respondent's business income has declined significantly, and Respondent is in the process of downsizing business operations.
9. Respondent has already paid filing fees and other litigation-related expenses during these proceedings and is presently unable to reasonably afford the additional **\$50 filing fee** without creating further financial hardship.

III. Good Faith

10. This Motion is made in good faith and is not filed for the purpose of delay.

11. Respondent seeks only an opportunity to have the pending motion considered on its merits without being prevented from doing so because of an inability to pay the filing fee.

WHEREFORE

Respondent respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

1. Waive the required **\$50 filing fee** associated with Respondent's pending motion;
2. Permit Respondent to proceed **In Forma Pauperis** for purposes of that filing; and
3. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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