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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Bentley D. Price
The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson
The Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001292
Circuit Court Civil Action Case No. 2024-CP-10-01489

Michael D. Royal,

Appellant,

v.

Ashley House Council of Co-Owners, Inc.

Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Appellant Michael D. Royal respectfully moves, pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b), SCACR, for a thirty-day extension of the deadline established by the Clerk's September 30, 2026 letter to serve the Record on Appeal and immediately file proof of service. Appellant requests that the October 30, 2026 deadline be extended through Monday, November 30, 2026. Appellant also requests express adjustment of the related filing and final-brief deadlines under Rules 210(b) and 211(a), SCACR.

Background. The Clerk's September 30, 2026 letter ended the abeyance and directed that the Record on Appeal be served and proof of service filed within thirty days, or the appeal would

be dismissed. Under Rule 263(a), SCACR, that thirty-day period ends October 30, 2026.

Good cause. The Record must include the material designated by both parties and must be arranged, consecutively paginated, and indexed as Rule 210 requires. Appellant's designation identifies six orders, six pleadings, three hearing transcripts, and numerous motions, exhibits, discovery responses, memoranda, and other materials. Respondent's designation separately enumerates twenty-nine items, many overlapping but not identical. Additional time is needed to reconcile, assemble, and paginate the Record, prepare the index, and verify the record citations required for the final briefs.

Additionally, Appellant has an unrelated trial with the Charleston County Master-in-Equity trial scheduled during the week prior to the October 30, 2026 deadline (130 Ocean Palms Court, LLC, et al. v. Elm Group, LLC, et al., Case No. 2022-CP-10-05846, Charleston County Master-in-Equity, South Carolina). Appellant, who is the witness for defendants in that matter, is spending a significant amount of his time, outside of his own work, preparing for that trial. This conflict makes completing the record by October 30 difficult.

Current status and Respondent's position. This motion is submitted before the current October 30, 2026 deadline, and this is Appellant's first request for an extension of the deadline for serving the Record on Appeal. On October 20, 2026, counsel for Respondent advised Appellant in writing that Respondent had "[n]o objection to an extension request." A true and correct copy of the email exchange is attached as Exhibit A.

Related deadlines. Rule 211(a) requires each party to serve and file its final brief within twenty days after service of the Record on Appeal, and Rule 210(b) requires Appellant to file the Record no later than the date the final briefs are due. Appellant therefore requests an order providing that: (1) the Record on Appeal may be served and proof of service filed through

November 30, 2026; (2) each party's final brief shall be served and filed within twenty days after actual service of the Record; and (3) the Record shall be filed no later than that Rule 211 deadline. If Appellant serves the Record on November 30, 2026, the Rule 211 deadline would fall on Sunday, December 20, 2026, and would extend under Rule 263(a) to Monday, December 21, 2026.

No automatic stay. Appellant recognizes that Rule 240(b) provides that filing this motion does not stay the existing deadline. Unless the Court enters an order, the October 30, 2026 deadline remains controlling. Appellant respectfully requests prompt consideration and, if necessary, an interim stay of that deadline while this motion is under consideration.

Good faith and prejudice. This request is made in good faith to permit preparation of a complete and usable Record, not for purposes of delay. Appellant has no reason to believe the extension would prejudice the Respondent, and as reflected in Exhibit A, Respondent does not object. The requested relief preserves the existing sequence established by Rules 210 and 211.

Requested relief. Appellant respectfully asks the Court to extend the deadline to serve the Record on Appeal and file proof of service through November 30, 2026; to set the parties' final-brief deadline twenty days after actual service of the Record, which would be December 21, 2026 if service occurs on November 30; to set the deadline for filing the Record no later than the final-brief deadline; and to grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 20, 2026

Exhibit A

October 2026 Email from Counsel for Respondent

RE: Extension

From Wilson, Skyler C. <swilson@csvl.law>
Received Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 4:01 PM EDT
To Michael D. Royal <michael@pareto.gr>
Cc Wright, Ella M.; Rewt, Teri J.
Subject RE: Extension

Mr. Royal,

No objection to an extension request.

Skyler

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Original Message

From Michael D. Royal <michael@pareto.gr>
Sent Monday, October 19, 2026 at 3:39 PM EDT
To Wilson, Skyler C. <swilson@csvl.law>
Cc Rhett Moore <palmettoaks@yahoo.com>; Grace Johnk <gjohnk130@yahoo.com>
Subject Extension

Hello Skyler,

I'd like to ask the court for a 30-day extension on the final brief / record on appeal. Do you have any issues with an extension?

Michael

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to Serve Record on Appeal and for Related Relief, together with its supporting papers, on the following person(s) by methods permitted under Rule 262(c), SCACR:

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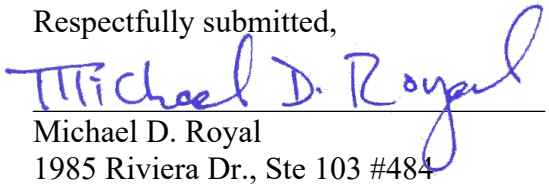

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