

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BULLOCH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

BECKI GWINNETT HODGES, Petitioner

v.

THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BROOKLET, GEORGIA; THE CITY OF
BROOKLET, GEORGIA; and HON. JOHNNY E.C. VINES, Respondents.

Civil Action No. SUCV2025000297

RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW Petitioner, Becki Gwinnett Hodges, and respectfully submits this Response in
Opposition to Respondents' Motion to Dismiss and shows the Court as follows:

1. The Petition Was Timely Tendered

The Municipal Court's order was entered on October 9, 2025. On October 23, 2025, Petitioner
tendered her Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Clerk of the Superior Court together with an
Affidavit of Poverty. The Affidavit bears the Superior Court's 'RECEIVED' stamp dated
October 23, 2025. October 23, 2025 falls within the thirty (30) day deadline prescribed by
O.C.G.A. § 5-3-7.

2. The Only Delay Concerned Fee Processing

On October 27, 2025, the Court entered an Order denying Petitioner's Affidavit of Poverty.
The October 27 Order did not specify any deadline by which Petitioner was required to
supplement financial information or pay filing costs, nor did it state that failure to do so within
the original thirty-day period would result in dismissal. Petitioner was notified of this denial by
mail. Upon receiving notice, Petitioner promptly paid the filing fee.

3. Jurisdiction Attached Upon Timely Tender

Jurisdiction attached when the Petition was timely tendered on October 23, 2025. Any delay in
formal entry resulted from internal processing of the Affidavit of Poverty and mailed notice —
matters outside Petitioner's control.

4. Equity and Due Process Considerations

Petitioner acted diligently and within fourteen days of the underlying order. Dismissal under these circumstances would elevate form over substance and deprive Petitioner of review despite timely invocation of jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that Respondents' Motion to Dismiss be DENIED.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Becki Gwinnett Hodges
Becki Gwinnett Hodges
Pro Se



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response upon counsel of record by filing the same through the Court's electronic filing system.

This 18th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Becki Gwinnett Hodges
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