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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COCHISE

Eli Dalton-Webb, Plaintiff v. CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, a municipal corporation in Arizona, OFFICER E. SLUSSER, R. Hertman, OFFICER S. McHunting, M. Partidge, peace officers of the Sierra Vista Police Department, Defendants	Case No. CV202400628 Assigned to: Hon. David Thorn Civil Rights Violations; Article 2 § 5 of the Arizona Constitution, etc. RE: Fee Waiver Application
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To the Duty Judge (and Clerk of Court, see note):

FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

In this civil action, Plaintiff is alleging there is a cause of action on 7 October 2023 and 8 October 2023. The defendant is the government, so the statute of limitations is 1 year pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821. Plaintiff filed the complaint on 4 October 2024 with a fee deferral/waiver application, 3 days before the deadline. The duty judge of this Court approved the fee application on 8 October 2024, and the clerk stamped the complaint as “FILED” on 9 October 2024. The judge assigned to this case dismissed this action as untimely, despite the Plaintiff timely filing the complaint.

1 The Plaintiff must now appeal this decision by the judge to deem the action as
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3 commenced on 9 October 2024, rather than having been commenced on 4 October
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5 2024. Article 2 Section 13 of the Arizona Constitution says: “No law shall be enacted
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7 granting to any citizen, class of citizens, or corporation other than municipal,
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9 privileges or immunities which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all
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11 citizens or corporations.” and courts have repeatedly construed this to require the
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13 court to give access to indigent litigants.
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16 By charging the Plaintiff another filing fee for appealing for the sole reason for
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18 a fee deferral (this case is literally dismissed because of the fee deferral application),
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20 Plaintiff is being double-punished for not having the money to pay the court filing fee
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22 on 4 October 2024. If the Plaintiff had the money to pay the filing fees in full on 4
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24 October 2024, there wouldn’t be a dismissal of this action as untimely, and the
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26 Plaintiff wouldn’t have to pay the court fees related to an appeal. Plaintiff asserts, in
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28 this instance, that the Arizona Constitution requires that the filing fee (fees for
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30 appeal) to be waived, otherwise, this Court’s fees are imposed differently to those
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32 with the means to pay filing fees in full verses those who do not, which would violate
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34 Article 2 Section 13 of the Arizona Constitution.
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38 Therefore, fees are hereby requested to be waived so that Plaintiff can have his
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40 Notice of Appeal filed. If not, Plaintiff secondarily requests a fee deferral.
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42 **INCOME**
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1 My aunt gifted me \$200 for my birthday, and I did not include that as
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3 “income”, as it is not. Even it was, I am still below the poverty line. I have extremely
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5 variable income, but it has been below the poverty line for over a year.
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7 ELECTRONIC FILING

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9 To the Duty Judge and Clerk of Court:
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11 1. This application is filed electronically, as nothing in Arizona Code of
12 Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 1-901 prohibits fee deferral/waiver applications
13 from being e-filed. Additionally, it unconstitutional for the clerk to reject an e-filing
14 for a fee waiver/deferral application, as it treats indigent litigants differently than
15 those who can pay, as that would violate Article 2 Section 13 of the Arizona
16 Constitution, and would cause an unnecessary delay of the administration of justice,
17 violating Article 2 § 11 of the Arizona Constitution.
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26 2. ACJA § 1-901(B) states: “This section...apply to all e-filed documents.”
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28 3. ACJA § 1-901(F)(3) allows a self-represented litigant to e-file documents.
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30 4. ACJA § 1-901(Attachment A)(I)(A)(1) allows for civil case post-initiation
31 documents. “‘Post-initiation Submission’ means any submission for filing into a case
32 that has previously been initiated in the court, either electronically or by paper.”
33 (pursuant to the definition given in ACJA § 1-901), which includes a fee
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35 waiver/deferral application. “‘Document’ means any pleading, motion, exhibit (other
36 than a courtroom exhibit), declaration, affidavit, memorandum, ***paper***, order, notice,
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38 ***or any other filing***, including attachments, submitted by a filer or by the court.”
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40 (pursuant to the definition given in ACJA § 1-901), which includes a fee
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1 waiver/deferral application. This means that, pursuant to ACJA § 1-901(Attachment
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3 A)(I)(A)(1), Plaintiff is authorized to file a fee deferral/waiver application
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7 5. ACJA § 1-901(Attachment A)(I)(C) SPECIFICALLY allows for
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9 applications for deferrals and waivers to be e-filed.
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11 6. ACJA § 1-901(Attachment A)(III)(A) does not exclude applications for
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13 deferrals and waivers from being e-filed.
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15 7. ACJA § 1-901(Attachment A)(III)(B)(1)(a) does not apply to this case, and
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17 therefore, does not exclude Plaintiff from filing a fee deferral/waiver application.
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN COCHISE COUNTY**

Eli Dalton-Webb

Name of Petitioner/Plaintiff

-vs-

City of Sierra Vista, et al.

Name of Respondent/Defendant

Case Number: CV202400628

**APPLICATION FOR DEFERRAL OR
WAIVER OF COURT FEES OR
COSTS AND CONSENT TO ENTRY
OF JUDGMENT**

NOTICE

- A **Fee Deferral** is only a temporary postponement of the payment of the fees due. You may be required to make payments depending on your income.
- A **Fee Waiver** is usually permanent unless your financial circumstances change during the course of this court action.
- You must attach the **required proof** when filing your Application. If you do not attach the required proof, you **must** complete the financial questionnaire in section 3.
- In the Application, "I" and "you" refer to either the "Applicant" (in all case types, except for probate) or the "Estate/Ward/Protected Person" (in probate cases).

1. I cannot pay the following fees and costs in my case:

- ☒ Any or all filing fees, fees for the issuance of either a summons or subpoena, the cost of attendance at an educational program for divorce and legal separation cases required by A.R.S. § 25-352, court accountant fees and costs, court investigator fees and costs, fees for obtaining one certified copy of letters of temporary or permanent appointment, fees for obtaining one certified copy of a temporary order in a family court case or a final order, judgment, or decree in all civil proceedings.
- ☐ Fees for service of process by a sheriff, marshal, constable, or law enforcement agency.*
- ☐ Fees for service by publication.*
- ☒ Filing fees and photocopy fees for the preparation of the record on appeal.
- ☐ Court reporter or transcriber fees for the preparation of court transcripts, if the court reporter or transcriber is employed by the court.

***NOTE:** To defer or waive fees for service of process or for service by publication, you must also complete the **Affidavit in Support of Application for Deferral or Waiver of Service of Process Fee** form (Form No. AOCDFGF3F).

2. I am requesting a deferral or waiver of fees and costs in my case because:

- A. ☐ I receive government assistance from the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.*

☐ I have attached the required **proof** that I participate in the **Supplemental Security Income program**. The proof shows my name as the benefit's recipient and the name of the agency that provides the benefit.



(If you have attached proof, you do not need to complete the financial questionnaire in section 3.)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is **NOT the same as regular retirement benefits from the Social Security Administration or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)*

OR

- B. ☐ I receive government assistance from the state or federal program marked below:

☐ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

☐ Food Stamps

☐ I have attached the required **proof** that I participate in a **government assistance program**. The proof shows my name as the benefit's recipient and the name of the agency that provides the benefit.



(If you have attached proof, you do not need to complete the financial questionnaire in section 3.)

OR

- C. ☐ I receive legal assistance from a non-profit legal aid program.

☐ I have attached the required **proof** that I receive legal assistance from a **non-profit legal aid program**. The proof shows my name as the recipient and the name of the legal aid provider that provides the assistance.



(If you have attached proof, you do not need to complete the financial questionnaire in section 3.)

OR

- D. ☒ My income is insufficient or is barely sufficient to meet the daily essentials of life, and includes no allotment that could be budgeted for the fees and costs that are required to gain access to the court. My gross income as computed on a monthly basis is 150% or less of the current federal poverty level. (Note: Gross monthly income includes your share of your

spouse or domestic partner's income if available to you.) *(See the Poverty Levels Chart in 4(H) to determine if your income is 150% or less of the poverty level.)*

OR

- E. ☐ I am permanently unable to pay. My income and liquid assets are insufficient or barely sufficient to meet the daily essentials of life and are unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.

OR

- F. ☒ I do not have the money to pay court filing fees and costs now. I can pay the filing fees and costs at a later date. Explain. see attached

OR

- G. ☐ My income is greater than 150% of the poverty level, but I have proof of extraordinary expenses (including medical expenses and costs of care for elderly or disabled family members) or other expenses that reduce my gross monthly income to 150% or below the poverty level. *(See the Poverty Levels Chart in 4(H) to determine if your income is 150% or less of the poverty level.)*

DESCRIPTION OF EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES

AMOUNT

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	\$ _____

- H. **POVERTY LEVELS CHART.** The chart below lists the gross monthly income levels at 150% of the current federal poverty levels based on **household size**. Household size is the number of related individuals living in your home, including yourself, that you support financially. Use the chart to determine the poverty levels based on your household size and whether your gross monthly income is less than, or more than, 150% of the poverty levels.

(AS OF JANUARY 17, 2025)

Household Size (all related individuals)	Gross Monthly Income Level-150%	Household Size (all related individuals)	Gross Monthly Income Level-150%
1	\$1,956	5	\$4,706
2	\$2,644	6	\$5,394
3	\$3,331	7	\$6,081
4	\$4,019	8*	\$6,769

3. FINANCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

You must complete the financial questionnaire unless you have attached the proof required in section 2(A) for SSI, 2(B) for government assistance, or 2(C) for non-profit legal aid program.

- A. How many people, including yourself, do you support financially (including those you pay child support or spousal maintenance for)? 1

List relationship of those you support and check those living with you:

☐	☐	☐	☐
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- B. Do you have a job? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer name: Dalton-Webb, LLC

Employer phone number: _____

- C. What is your approximate **gross monthly income (total income before deductions)**? \$ 576.06

- D. What is your approximate **monthly take home pay (total income after deductions)**? \$ 576.06

- E. Do you have income from the following sources?

☐ social security	☐ disability	☐ veteran's benefits
☐ unemployment benefits	☐ spousal or child support	
☐ investments	☐ other: _____	

- What is your approximate **total gross monthly income** from these sources? \$ 0

- What is your **spouse or domestic partner's approximate total gross monthly income** from all sources readily available to you? \$ 0

- F. What is the approximate **total balance of bank and credit union accounts** accessible without financial penalty? \$ 15.12

- G. What are your **average total monthly expenses**, including rent/mortgage, utilities, vehicle/transportation, credit cards, insurance, medical/dental, child support, childcare, spousal maintenance, tuition, or other expenses? \$ 648.3

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

By signing this Application, I agree that a consent judgment may be entered against me for all fees or costs that are deferred but remain unpaid 30 calendar days after entry of the final judgment, decree, or order unless I establish a payment plan and make timely payments, or I submit a Supplemental Application and the court has not made a ruling on it.

You will receive a **Notice of Court Fees and Costs Due** from the court indicating (1) how much is owed and (2) what steps to take to avoid a consent judgment against you.

NOTE: You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee deferral or waiver. If your case is dismissed for any reason, the fees and costs are still due.

If you are asking for deferral or waiver for service of process costs, or service by publication costs, you must complete the **Affidavit in Support of Application for Deferral or Waiver of Service of Process Fee** form (Form No. AOCDFGF3F).

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION FOR APPLICATION FOR DEFERRAL OR WAIVER
OF COURT FEES AND COSTS**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the above statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true and correct.

21 March 2025

Date



Applicant's Signature

Eli Dalton-Webb

Applicant's Printed Name