

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAWRENCE COUNTY

BLAKE R. P. JOSEPH,
Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF DEADWOOD; JESSICCA McKEOWN, in her official capacity as Finance Officer,
Defendants.

Court File No.: 25-308

[PROPOSED] TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction. The Court, having reviewed the pleadings, affidavit, and exhibits, and being fully advised in the premises, hereby finds that immediate and irreparable harm will occur absent interim relief, and good cause appearing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, and all persons acting in concert with them, are immediately restrained from certifying, noticing, scheduling, or otherwise advancing any recall election concerning Plaintiff pending further order of this Court.
2. Defendants shall take no action on the recall petition filed September 26, 2025, including but not limited to setting an election date, until this Court has ruled on the sufficiency and validity of the petition.
3. This Order shall remain in effect until the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction or until further order of the Court.

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Circuit Court Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit
Lawrence County, South Dakota

Attest:
Latuseck, Carol
Clerk

