

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BEFAITHFUL COKER,
Petitioner,

CASE NO.: 2021-288-CA

vs.

CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE CITY,
FLORIDA, Individually and
Collectively; and AUDREY SIKES,
in her capacity as CITY CLERK OF
LAKE CITY,
Respondents.

ALTERNATIVE WRIT IN MANDAMUS, AND
ORDER NISI IN PROHIBITION

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on November 8, 2021, on the Petitioner's Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus. The allegations contained in the Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus are incorporated herein by reference. *See* Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.630(d)(2). Upon this Court's review, Petitioner's claim is legally sufficient.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Respondents shall **SHOW CAUSE** within **20 days** of the date of this Order as to why the Petition should not be granted. *See* Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.630(d), (e); Fla. R. App. P. 9.100(h). All pending City Council of Lake City proceedings related to filling the District 14 seat on the City Council are stayed pending this Court's final resolution of the Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus. *See Stokes v. Jones*, 317 So. 3d 262, 263 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021) (citing Fla. R. App. P. 9.100(h) ("In prohibition proceedings, the issuance of an order directing the respondent to show cause shall stay further proceedings in the lower tribunal."))

DONE in Chambers in in Columbia County, Florida, this 8th day of November 2021.



WESLEY R. DOUGLAS, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Barbara Jackson
Acting Circuit Judge

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Wesley R. Douglas, Circuit Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Alternate Writ in Mandamus and Order Nisi in Prohibition was furnished by electronic transmission this 8 day of November 2021, to the following:

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