

No. 26-5748

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Michael Smith — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

City of Lakewood, Ohio — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

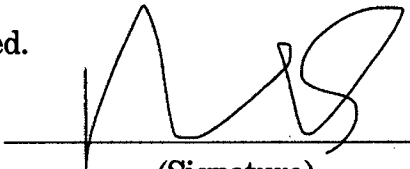
☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____
_____, or

☒ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.


(Signature)

Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth District

County of Cuyahoga
Nailah K. Byrd, Clerk of Courts

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Appellee

COA NO.
114186

LOWER COURT NO.
2023-CRB-00524

LAKEWOOD MUNI.

-vs-

MICHAEL T. SMITH

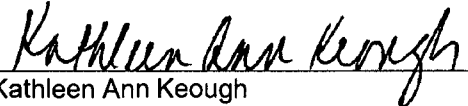
Appellant

MOTION NO. 577064

Date 08/15/24

Journal Entry

Motion by Appellant's counsel Erika B. Cunliffe and the office of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender to withdraw as counsel, for appointment of new counsel, and transcript at state expense is granted. Attorney Andrew Pollis of the Case Western Reserve Milton Kramer Law Clinic is appointed to represent the indigent appellant pursuant to Loc. App.R. 46. A transcript at state expense is granted and is due September 16, 2024. Attorney Pollis is directed to contact the Lakewood Municipal Court to order the transcript. The Lakewood Municipal Court, pursuant to Loc.App.R. 9(F), must either designate a court reporter to transcribe the proceedings or appellant may file a motion with the Lakewood Municipal Court identifying the court reporter for approval by the Lakewood Municipal Court. Once the transcript is complete, it must be filed with and time-stamped by the Lakewood Municipal Court prior to being forwarded for filing with the Court of Appeals Clerk's Office, located at 1 Lakeside Avenue, Room 131, Cleveland, OH 44113.


Kathleen Ann Keough
Administrative Judge

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June 5, 2026

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: Supplemental IFP Copies for Undocketed Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
Michael T. Smith v. City of Lakewood, Ohio
Supreme Court extension application No. 25A1125

Dear Clerk:

I am the pro se petitioner in the above-referenced matter. I recently submitted the original petition for a writ of certiorari and related papers to the Court. To my knowledge, no deficiency letter has been sent by the Clerk's Office.

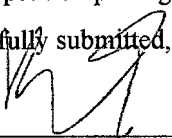
I am sending this letter proactively because I understand that my original filing package included the original Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, but did not include the required ten copies of that IFP motion. Enclosed please find ten copies of my Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, including the supporting affidavit or declaration included with that motion, for association with my original petition package.

Because a Supreme Court docket number may not yet have been assigned, I include the following identifying information to assist the Clerk's Office in locating the original petition:

Petitioner:	Michael T. Smith, P.O. Box 125, Orrville, Ohio 44667; Telephone: 330-201-7490
Respondent:	City of Lakewood, Ohio
Proceeding below:	Petition for a writ of certiorari to the Eighth District Court of Appeals of the State of Ohio
Ohio court of appeals:	<i>Lakewood v. Smith</i> , No. 114186, 2025-Ohio-2447 (Ohio Ct. App. July 10, 2025)
Supreme Court of Ohio:	<i>Lakewood v. Smith</i> , No. 2025-1473, 2026-Ohio-154 (Jan. 20, 2026)
Trial court:	Lakewood Municipal Court, <i>City of Lakewood v. Smith</i> , No. 2023-CRB-00524
Extension application:	<i>Smith v. City of Lakewood, Ohio</i> , No. 25A1125 (Kavanaugh, J., Apr. 14, 2026), extending the time to file the petition through June 19, 2026

This submission is intended only to supply the missing IFP copies and to help the Clerk's Office match them with my original petition package. Please notify me if anything else is needed to complete the filing.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Smith
Pro Se Petitioner

Enclosures: Ten (10) copies of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, including supporting affidavit/declaration included with that motion.