

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR HENRY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE,
Petitioner,

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Civil Action File

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vs.

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HAROLD YOUNG,
Respondent.

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2025-SU-CV-2626-HV

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**EMERGENCY EX PARTE ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER**

This Court, having reviewed the *Ex Parte Petition for Temporary Restraining Order, Motion to Freeze Assets, and Other Injunctive Relief* ("Ex Parte TRO Motion"), and all attached exhibits and declarations, hereby finds and orders as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 15, 2025, Petitioner filed their Ex Parte TRO Motion against Respondent without prior notice on Respondent.
2. Respondent was the General Manager of the Stockbridge Amphitheater until his termination on or about June 16, 2025.
3. The Stockbridge Amphitheater is a publicly owned and operated entertainment venue within the City of Stockbridge.
4. In their Ex Parte TRO Motion, Petitioner demonstrated that irreparable harm would come to Petitioner if this Court did not take emergency *ex parte* action.
5. Petitioner seeks to freeze a bank account, opened and held by Respondent, in the name of "Harold J Young Stockbridge Amphitheater," an Ameris Bank account ending in 1358.
6. During his tenure with the City of Stockbridge, Respondent was not city official contemplated by City of Stockbridge Code § 3.04.030 with authority to open a bank account on behalf of the City.
7. Without immediate intervention, Respondent may dispose of the Ameris Account, and the taxpayer funds believed to be held within it.
8. This Court finds that the proper use, management, and accounting of public funds to be in the public interest.
9. An actual controversy between the parties exists.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Giving the foregoing Findings of Fact, this Court enters the following conclusions of law:

10. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over the parties.
11. This Court is the proper venue for this case.
12. There is good cause to believe that the Petitioner will prevail on the merits of this action.
13. There is good cause to believe that without *ex parte* intervention by this Court, Petitioner will suffer immediate and irreparable harm from the Respondent's use of the Ameris Account unless he is restrained and enjoined by Order of this Court.
14. There is good cause to believe that Respondent, if informed of the TRO Motion, would hide assets and destroy evidence, thus immediately and irreparably damaging the Court's ability to grant complete and total relief, thus, there is good cause to believe that this Order should be entered without prior notice to the Respondent.
15. This Court has weighed the equities and has considered Petitioner's likelihood of ultimate success, and a temporary restraining order with an asset freeze and other equitable relief is in the public interest, and no private interest of the Respondent outweighs this public interest.
16. Under Georgia law, the decision to require a bond in such cases is left to the discretion of the Court, and no such bond shall be required of the Petitioner.
17. Petitioner has complied with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-65, and thusly this Court is within its authority to grant Petitioner's request without notice or service upon the Respondent.

For the foregoing reasons, this Court **GRANTS** Petitioner's Ex Parte TRO Motion with Asset Freeze for thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. This Court reserves judgment on the request of the Petitioner for Attorney's Fees until such time as this matter is set for a full hearing on the merits.

IT IS SO ORDERED that Respondent, his agents, and his employees, are hereby restrained and from directly or indirectly alienating, transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing, assigning, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any funds, real or personal property, accounts,

contracts, or any other assets, wherever located, including outside the United States that are owned or controlled by the Respondent in the name of "Harold J Young Stockbridge Amphitheater," including the Ameris Account ending in 1358.

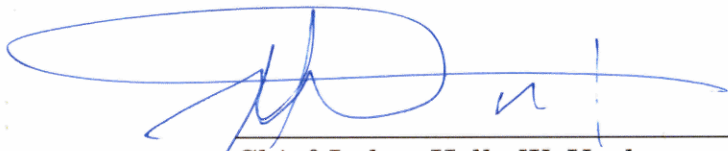
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not open or cause to be opened any bank accounts or safety deposit boxes on behalf of the City of Stockbridge or the Stockbridge Amphitheater. The Respondent shall not incur charges or cash advances on any credit card, debit card, or checking card issued in relation to the Ameris Account ending in 1358.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any financial or brokerage institutions, depository, escrow agents, title company, commodity trading company, trust, entity, or person that holds, controls, or maintains custody any account or asset of Respondent's, including the Ameris Account ending in 1358, upon service with a copy of this Order shall:

- A. Hold and retain within its control and prohibit Respondent from withdrawing, removing, assigning, transferring, pledging, encumbering, disbursing, dissipating, converting, selling, gifting, or otherwise disposing of any accounts, assets, or funds, or other property that is owned by, held in the name of, for the benefit of, or otherwise controlled by, directly or indirectly Respondent, in whole or in part, except as directed by further order of this Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a hearing before the Hon. Holly W. Veal at 9:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of September 2025, in Courtroom A on the second floor of the Henry County Courthouse, located at One Courthouse Square, McDonough, Georgia 30253.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of September 2025, at 2:42 a.m. (p.m.)



Chief Judge, Holly W. Veal
Superior Court of Henry County

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