

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

LACHELE LOVE REED,

Defendant.

**2025-CAB-004433
Judge Katherine E. Oler
CASE CLOSED**

ORDER

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment, filed on December 19, 2025. This matter was set for an Ex Parte Proof Hearing on February 27, 2026. The Court vacated the Ex Parte Proof Hearing because Plaintiff’s motion is for a sum certain and supported by affidavit. Upon consideration, the Court grants the motion.

Plaintiff filed its Complaint on July 9, 2025 under the STEER Act, D.C. Code 50-2201.04, and the Delinquent Debt Recovery Act, D.C. Code 1-350.06, alleging that Defendant owed \$55,446 in unpaid traffic fines, penalties and fees. *See* Compl. Defendant was properly served and failed to answer the Complaint and then failed to appear at the Remote Initial Scheduling Conference on October 24, 2025. Accordingly, default was entered in open court against Defendant. “[T]he entry of a default operates as an admission by the defaulting party that there are no issues of liability, leaving only damages to be determined.” *See Luna v. A.E. Engineering Services, LLC*, 938 A.2d 744, 750 (D.C. 2007) (quotations omitted).

Plaintiff’s motion for default judgment seeks the full amount of unpaid fines and fees. The motion is supported by the Declaration of R. Daniel Brashier II, Associate Treasurer for the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s Central Collection Unit (“Brashier Decl.”).

Mr. Brashier's Declaration attests to the five license plates owned by Defendant and the traffic tickets and associated fines issued across all of them. Brashier Decl. 19-21, 25-26, 29-30, 33-34, 38-39. The total amount owed on Defendants' license plates is \$55,446. Further, Plaintiff's Exhibits 2-6, submitted by praecipe on February 26, 2026, list each fine issued across each license plate, reflecting the same total.

Upon consideration, the Court finds that the record supports the entry of default judgment against Defendant in the amount of \$55,446. Accordingly, it is this 3rd day of March 2026 hereby

ORDERED that the Motion for Default Judgment is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant Lachele Love Reed in the amount of \$55,446.

SO ORDERED.


Judge Katherine E. Oler

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