



CATAWBA NATION TRIBAL COURTS

Catawba Indian Nation
996 Avenue of the Nations
Rock Hill, SC 29730

PETITIONER: Krista Williams	RESPONDENT: Catawba Housing	26-GC-0001 Case Number ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS
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THIS MATTER came before the Court upon Respondent Catawba Housing's Motion to Dismiss, Answer to Petitioner's Petition, and Affirmative Defenses. The Court, having reviewed the Petition, Motion, exhibits submitted by the parties, and the record as a whole, now **FINDS, ORDERS** and **ADJUDGES** as follows:

FINDINGS

1. On or about April 2, 2026, Petitioner filed a Petition with this Court concerning actions taken by Respondent related to Petitioner's occupancy of housing administered by the Catawba Nation Housing Department.
2. The record reflects that Respondent previously issued written notices to Petitioner concerning alleged lease violations and occupancy-related issues.

3. The record further reflects that Respondent issued a Notice to Vacate pursuant to the Nation's housing policies and procedures.

4. The Notice to Vacate advised Petitioner of the availability of a grievance or administrative review process through the Nation's administrative procedures.

5. Petitioner's filing does not allege facts demonstrating that Petitioner exhausted available administrative remedies prior to seeking judicial intervention from this Court.

6. Petitioner's filing principally requests additional time and disputes the Housing Department's actions generally but does not identify a cognizable legal claim, procedural violation, or legal basis upon which relief may be granted.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. The Court finds that exhaustion of available tribal administrative remedies is required prior to judicial review absent a showing that such exhaustion would be futile, unavailable, or result in irreparable harm.

8. Petitioner has failed to demonstrate exhaustion of available administrative remedies or sufficient grounds excusing exhaustion.

9. The Court further finds that the Petition fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

10. Because dismissal is appropriate on procedural grounds, the Court does not reach or adjudicate the underlying factual allegations or merits of the Housing Department's administrative determinations.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Respondent's Motion to Dismiss is hereby **GRANTED**.
2. Petitioner's Petition is hereby **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.
3. The Court expresses no opinion regarding the ultimate merits of the Housing Department's administrative determinations.

SO ORDERED on this 6th day of May 2026.



THE HONORABLE T.W. TRUEBLOOD
Chief Judge
Catawba Nation Tribal Court