## MUNICIPAL COURT - NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On Monday, April 6th, 2020 Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court extended the Statewide Judicial Emergency to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Therefore, all Municipal Court sessions have been cancelled through May 29<sup>th</sup>. All cases will be rescheduled for a later date, starting in June. All fine payments and deadlines will be extended to that new date. New notices will be mailed out to everyone. We will text court reminders and other court updates in cases where we have a valid cell phone.

In the event that the public health emergency continues, the Chief Justice may issue further directives to restrict, postpone or cancel court activities. Failure to appear at future court dates could lead to suspension of your privilege to drive, or a warrant for your arrest. Please contact the court if your contact information has changed. You may call Municipal Court at 706-613-3690, but since the Athens-Clarke County government is on reduced services, email communication is preferred. Send email to: municipalcourt@accgov.com. Your email should include your full name, your complete mailing address, and a telephone number for receipt of text messages. You can also submit your contact information through our Court Date Reminder System enrollment form available at: http://accgov.com/municipalcourt

The office will be closed during this time period, however, if you wish to pay your fine, or have any questions pertaining to your case, you may call our office number during business hours, and a clerk will be happy to help you. (706) 613-3690. Any documents that need to be filed in a case will be addressed by appointment only. Once again, you may email questions to the court at <a href="MunicipalCourt@accgov.com">MunicipalCourt@accgov.com</a>. Fines can be paid on line @ <a href="www.athensgatix.com">www.athensgatix.com</a> or by calling (855) 873-9708.

Municipal Court will extend every grace to individuals who have fine obligations, as current events will clearly affect the economic well-being of everyone who comes to court. The staff of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County will continue to do their best to assist the public in navigating Municipal Court during this difficult time.