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Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Supreme Court of Georgia
Nathan Deal Judicial Center
330 Capitol Avenue, S.E.
1st Floor, Suite 1100
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Notification of Order Declaring Judicial Emergency
pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63

Honorable Chief Justice Melton,

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of an order declaring a judicial emergency for the Waycross Municipal Court that has been entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61 in regard to the ongoing public health emergency.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Gibson
Judge, Municipal Court of Waycross

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF WAYCROSS
STATE OF GEORGIA

In order to provide a safe environment for everyone in the Waycross Municipal Court during the Public Health Emergency, the Court orders that:

1. The Court hereby adopts and includes as part of this Order by reference the Best Practices and Guidelines for Operating Municipal Courts During the COVID-19 Recovery. The Best Practices and Guidelines shall be followed as closely as shall practical taking into consideration all existing circumstances. A copy of the Best Practices and Guidelines is available from the Clerk of the Municipal Court and will be posted at the Court facility.
2. All persons shall arrive at the time on their notice/subpoena. Persons shall avoid arriving early. Persons arriving early will be asked to wait outside the Courtroom so that proper social distancing shall be possible. (Court is open for all to attend. Anyone who wishes to observe court will be allowed in the seating provided for spectators.)
3. Court will be held in the City Auditorium until further order of the Court. Attached is a diagram of the foot traffic pattern to be followed at the City Auditorium. The foot traffic pattern shall be followed as nearly as practicable under all the existing circumstances.
4. All persons shall maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between themselves and all other persons at all times.
5. If you are immunocompromised or otherwise at greater danger from Covid 19, please call Carla Nipper, the Court Clerk at 287-2921 **before** the time you are to be in Court. The Court will set your hearing at a time that will allow you to avoid unnecessary risk.
6. If you are running a fever or have other symptoms of Covid 19 do not come to Court. Call Carla Nipper, the Court Clerk at 287-2921

before the time you are to be in Court to reschedule your appearance.

7. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this order with every notice to attend court and every subpoena.
8. The Clerk of the Court is directed to post a copy of this order and the Best Practices and Guidelines for Operating Municipal Courts During the COVID-19 Recovery at a location so that they can both be read by everyone attending any court proceeding.

This 21st day of May, 2020.



Douglas Gibson, Judge Waycross
Municipal Court