

# **GLENNVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT**

## **COURT PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**If you have already paid your citation and your appearance is not mandatory, you are not required to appear in Court.** If you wish to dispute the violation, it is your right to appear in Court. For many traffic violations, appearance is not required.

Examples of violations that **require mandatory appearance** include:

DUI, Occupy Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated, Possession of Alcohol Under 21, Driving While License Suspended, Driving While Unlicensed, Resisting/Interfering with Officer, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Related Objects, Suspended Registration, No Insurance, Hit and Run, Reckless Driving, Speeding 30+ Over the Limit, Shoplifting, Tampering with Utilities, Permitting Unlicensed Person to Drive.

If you are not sure whether you must appear for Court or not, please contact the Clerk's Office at 912-654-2103.

In response to the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus, the Glennville Municipal Court has implemented changes to Court hearing procedures. Please be advised of the following:

- When you arrive for your Court appearance, you will check in outside of the Court Room with a Glennville Police Officer. You will be asked to provide your name and cell phone number and then asked to return to your car and wait in the parking lot. You will be contacted by phone when it is your time to meet with the Judge.
- The following questions will be asked to those who are attempting entry into the Court Room. Any answers of "Yes" will result in entry being refused.
  - Are you feeling ill?
  - Have you recently had chills or fever?
  - Have you recently had a cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
  - Have you recently had a sore throat?
  - Have you or anyone you have been in close contact with tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
  - Have you or anyone you have been in close contact with been suspected of having COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- Only the Defendant listed on the citation will be allowed to enter the Court Room (with their Attorney if applicable). Individuals under 18 years of age may be accompanied by one parent / guardian.
- **No friends, family members, or children may enter the Court Room (exceptions are made for multiple victims/witnesses).**
- **Any Defendant who is ill and has a fever of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to enter the Court Room.**
- **Defendants are required to wear a face covering (mask or cloth) the entire time while inside the building.**
- **Defendants who are 60 and older or who have a health condition that the CDC recognizes are HIGH RISK and do not feel comfortable coming to Court due to the risk may contact the Clerk's Office prior to the Court date. A continuance will be granted.**
- **ALL DEFENDANTS AND STAFF MUST OBSERVE AT LEAST SIX FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES.**
- **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO USE THE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE AND TO REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING ANY UNNECESSARY SURFACES.**
- **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE CLERK WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**

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