

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF POULAN
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDER FOR ARRAIGNMENT DATES

The Court is aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Georgia Supreme Court order declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency effective through June 12, 2020. On June 18, 2020, the Municipal Court of Worth County is scheduled to have its first arraignment since the pandemic. In abundance of caution and to minimize exposure, the Court orders the following:

FOR ALL ARRAIGNMENT DATES UNTIL THIS ORDER IS MODIFIED OR RESCINDED

1. The Municipal Court of City of Poulan will conduct court at the City Counsel Board room located at 208 Broad Street, Poulan, Georgia.
2. For each arraignment date, Court will begin at 1:00 p.m. Arraignments for each Defendant shall be scheduled at specific times. The first 25 Defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Court will arraign each Defendant on the charge(s). From 2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m., the Courtroom staff will sanitize the seating area, the podium and other areas as needed. The next 25 Defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled at 2:30 p.m. The same procedure as mentioned above will be followed. Thereafter, this procedure shall continue for each successive group of 25 Defendants until each defendant on the calendar is arraigned.
3. Unless it is necessary to assist the Defendant (physically, mentally or due to language), the Court encourages that only the Defendants who are charged with the offense(s) come into the Courtroom to minimize the number of people in the court so that social distancing can be followed.
4. Defendants should remain in their vehicles until 10 minutes prior to their scheduled court time.
5. All persons, who do not reside in the same residence, both inside the courtroom and outside the courtroom, shall maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet in compliance with the Governor Executive Order and CDC guidelines.
6. Each person who enters and while in the Courtroom must wear a mask that is compliant with the CDC guidelines and will wear latex or similar type gloves.
7. Each person who comes into the courtroom shall dress appropriately in compliance with the Order of the Superior Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit and shall keep cell phones in vehicles.
8. The Clerk of Court is directed to send notice to each Defendant in compliance with Georgia law and include a copy of this Order with the notice.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of May, 2020.

Ralph Powell, Judge
Municipal Court of the City of Poulan