

Watkinsville Municipal Court

COURT PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

You are receiving this letter as a reminder of your upcoming court date, scheduled **Monday, July 13th, 2020** at 3:00 P.M. at Watkinsville City Hall.

If your appearance is not mandatory, you do not need to come to court. You are welcome to pay your fine online at www.cityofwatkinsville.com. If you wish to dispute the violation, it is your right to appear in court and that is why you are receiving this notice. If you are not sure whether you must appear for court, please contact city hall: (706) 769-5161.

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

- When you arrive for your court hearing, you will check in with staff outside, and temperature will be taken. You will be asked to provide your name and cell phone number, 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 Solicitor and/or Judge.
- Only the Defendant listed on the citation will be allowed to enter the court, with their attorney if applicable. Individuals under 21 years of age may be accompanied by one parent/guardian.
- A continuance will be granted if: ***(Must call 706-769-5161 if applies to you)***
 - You are over 65 years old
 - You have small children and do not have child care
 - You are immune-compromised or living in a household with someone who is immune-compromised
 - You do not feel well or are running a fever
- **Defendants will be required to wear a face covering (mask or cloth) the entire time while inside the building.** A mask will be provided if you do not have one.
- All defendants and staff must observe **at least six feet of social distance at all times.**

Please stay safe and we look forward to serving you. If you have any questions, please call **Watkinsville Municipal Court @ 706-769-5161**.