## IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING ALL IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDING

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the "Fourth Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency" by Chief Justice Melton, and the guidance provided in such order that Court's should endeavor to coordinate their guidelines; the Magistrate Court of Jackson County hereby adopts the guidelines of the Superior Court of Jackson County with the following exceptions and deviations.

Any litigant or witness denied entry to the Courthouse shall be documented by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and said information forwarded to the Magistrate Court.

In regards to maximum occupancy, the Magistrate Court is customarily assigned to Courtroom 4 and has determined that the safe maximum occupancy of said courtroom is fourteen persons. The maximum occupancy of the jail courtroom is six persons. There will be no "Large Calendar Proceedings" in Magistrate Court. In civil cases, depending on the unique health concerns and characteristics of each individual litigant, court may be held outside, at socially distanced intervals, weather permitting.

All Magistrate Court notices for court shall comply with the guidance provided in the Georgia Court Re-Opening Guide.

All other conditions of the Superior Court Order in regards to mask usage, court procedure, quarantine, and isolation are adopted in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of July, 2020.

Ben Green

Chief Magistrate

Jackson County