MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELAND, GEORGIA

Dear Citation Holder,

As you know in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and the Emergency Judicial Order set in place Homeland Municipal Court has rescheduled all cases scheduled for March 24, 2020. You are receiving this letter because your case is one of the cases affected.

As you can imagine we are going to face a "new normal" and that includes new procedures being put in place. We hope that you understand that these changes are not to inconvenience you, but to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to handle their judicial matter safely and efficiently.

We ask that you follow the guidelines below for a safe, effective, and efficient experience.

- 1. Only the defendant on the citation is allowed in court, the exception will be defendants under 21. They can bring one (1) parent/guardian.
- 2. No children, if a defendant has childcare issues they will be able to get a one-time courtesy reset. Please call our office to be rescheduled.
- 3. Defendants over 60 years of age, who are not comfortable with coming to court can call and receive a one-time courtesy reset.
- 4. If you are a non-english speaker, please call our office before your court date so that we may reschedule you for our next court calendar so that the court has time to make arrangements for an interpreter.
- 5. Defendants will be allowed to wear their own mask inside the courtroom. If you do not have one, the court will provide one for you.
- 6. As you approach the court entrance you will notice six feet distancing markers on the ground, please adhere to these markers, waiting patiently for the line to move.
- 7. Last but not least, we will be using temperature scanners to ensure that defendants with temperatures higher than the CDC guidelines are not allowed in the courtroom. Also, please use the hand sanitizer at the sign in window upon entry into the courtroom.

As you have heard many times, we ask that if you are sick or around someone that is sick, please do not come to court. Please call our office for one courtesy reset of your case.

Not all cases require a court appearance, and most can be paid in lieu of appearance. As always, we continue to have the following payment options available.

- Money order or cashier's check by mail
- Credit/debit card by phone at 1-912-496-7332
- Credit/debit card online at <u>www.paylocalgov.com/cityofhomeland-ga</u>

If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. Thank you,

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