## IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF SPARKS STATE OF GEORGIA

## **ORDER**

Due to the ongoing health crisis caused by COVID-19, the Supreme Court of Georgia entered its FOURTH ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY on July 10, 2020. In compliance with the continuing orders the Court sets out the following guidelines.

- 1. Defendants shall be afforded separate writing instruments. Court facilities shall be sanitized prior to each Court session..
- 2. Generally only parties, attorneys and necessary witnesses will be physically allowed in the Courtroom. Family and spectators are strongly advised not to attend. In the event family members or spectators are present, the Court will make every effort to allow them inside during specific cases of interests taking into consideration social distancing guidelines.
- 3. All persons in the Courtroom will be required to wear masks. Hand sanitizer will be available outside of the Courtroom.
- 4. No more than 7 persons will be allowed to be in the Courtroom at one time. Officers shall enforce social distancing guidelines. Further, some parties will be allowed to remain outside the building until their matter is to be heard.
- 5. Anyone exhibiting symptoms or requesting a continuance based upon exposure to Covid-19, shall be reset to a different Court date upon request.

**SO ORDERED**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

x Richard T. Kent	
Judge	