

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

IN RE: Declaration of Judicial Emergency

Date: May 13, 2020

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SECOND AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that a Judicial Emergency exists in the City of LAWRENCEVILLE the Municipal Court such that there is a serious health emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D). *See* O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) (providing that “Judicial Emergency” means “[s]uch other serious emergency”).

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that the Judicial Emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system as it relates to Criminal and Civil Jury trials, unless they can be conducted via video or teleconferencing.

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, The Chief Judge DENNIS T. STILL of the Municipal Court of the City of LAWRENCEVILLE DOES HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE the existence of a Judicial Emergency in the City of LAWRENCEVILLE. The nature of this emergency is the potential transmission of Coronavirus/COVID-19 throughout the City of LAWRENCEVILLE and the potential infection of those who are required to appear in our courts and interact with large groups due to large, non-essential calendars.

The undersigned has determined that Criminal and Civil non Jury trial, arraignments, and other pretrial matters may be disposed in court in the regular and usual manner according to the Uniform Rules of the Municipal Courts of the State of Georgia.

Accordingly, IT IS THE ORDER of the Court that all pending matters will be conducted by the Court. Parties or attorneys should contact the clerk of court if they have any questions and/or need to ensure their compliance with this Order.

Should the state of emergency extend beyond the period indicated above or should the nature of the emergency otherwise require modification by the Court, the Court will make a determination of available alternative remedies for the conduct of court business, as necessary, and a corresponding Order will be entered and distributed in accordance with Georgia law.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that All Court proceeding shall be governed by the “Guidelines for In-Court Judicial Proceedings” as attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63:

IT IS ORDERED that the Chief of Police of the City of LAWRENCEVILLE shall post this Order on his public notification site and in the City Hall;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at barnest@gasupreme.us; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of this Order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of May, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

/s/ Dennis J. Still
Dennis T. Still, Chief Judge
Municipal Court of Lawrenceville
City of LAWRENCEVILLE

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