



# Probate Court of Murray County

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court issued an Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency based on the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 pandemic. This Order is to apply until April 13, 2020 unless extended.

This order, in part, limits court operations to only those matters which are deemed **essential**.

The public should avoid coming to the Probate Court offices during the period of time covered by this Order. However, the Court recognizes that some types of proceedings are essential to be handled on an emergency basis. In order to continue meeting the needs of the citizens of this county and taking into consideration the nature of the current pandemic, the following shall apply during the pendency of the judicial emergency:

## ESSENTIAL MATTERS

The following matters are deemed essential and shall be processed BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

- Emergency Guardianship and Conservatorship Proceedings filed pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§29-4-14 and 29-5-14, et. seq.
- Guardianship and Conservatorship Proceedings filed pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§29-4-1 and 29-5-1 where there are allegations of abuse or neglect
- Petitions for the appointment of a Temporary Medical Consent Guardian
- Orders to Apprehend (a/k/a 10-13 orders) pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§37-3-41 and 37-7-41
- Proceedings providing for the disposition of remains pursuant to O.C.G.A. §31-21-7
- Marriage License applications for weddings which will take place during the pendency of the Judicial Emergency
- Traffic cases where Defendants are incarcerated

- Other legitimate emergency matters will be accepted on a case-by-case basis

## **FOR APPOINTMENT CALL 706-695-3812**

### **NON-ESSENTIAL MATTERS**

The following matters are deemed non-essential and will not be accepted during the pendency of the judicial emergency:

#### **Traffic Cases**

All traffic cases scheduled during the pendency of the judicial emergency will receive a new court date that will be mailed to the address listed on the citation. Please call 706-695-3812 if your address has changed.

If you wish to pay your ticket, you may pay online at [EZCourtpay.com](http://EZCourtpay.com) or we accept MONEY ORDERS by mail to

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#### **Weapons Carry Licenses**

Weapons Carry License application WILL NOT be accepted during the period covered by the judicial emergency. The Court will provide a grace period for renewal for any Weapons Carry License that expires during this period of time.

#### **Marriage License Applications**

Except as provided above, marriage license applications will not be accepted during the period covered by the judicial emergency.

#### **All Other Civil Matters**

All other walk-in civil filings will not be accepted during the pendency of the judicial emergency. However, the Court will continue to process any matters which are mailed into the office.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

*John P. Waters*

