



MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

BERYL A. ANDERSON, CHIEF JUDGE

CURTIS W. MILLER, JUDGE
NORA POLK, JUDGE
RHATHELIA STROUD, JUDGE AND
DIRECTOR OF DIVERSION TREATMENT COURT
R. JAVOYNE HICKS, CLERK OF COURT

DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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DECATUR, GEORGIA 30030

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Chief Magistrate Judge Beryll A. Anderson

Third Amended Press Release

COVID-19 Emergency Response-DeKalb County Magistrate Court Suspends Non-Essential Hearings

DECATUR, GA— In accordance with the mandate from Governor Kemp and Chief Justice Melton, DeKalb County Superior Court Chief Judge Asha Jackson has issued an order suspending all non-essential court functions. As a result, Chief Magistrate Judge Beryll A. Anderson announces the following changes to Magistrate Court proceedings.

All **Magistrate Court Civil Calendars** are postponed until further notice. **Therefore, all proceedings relating to dispossessories (evictions), garnishment, small claims, abandoned motor vehicles and bad checks are continued during the duration of the Chief Justice's Emergency Order. Specifically, effective March 13, 2020, all writs of eviction and the dates for filing answers in evictions and all other civil matters listed above are extended through May 13, 2020. Temporary Protective Order Ex-Parte hearings will proceed on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Temporary Protective Order Twelve Month hearings previously scheduled will be reset to a later date. All Temporary Protective Orders previously issued remain in full force and effect through May 13, 2020.**

Magistrate Court Criminal Division will continue to operate on its regular schedule with limited access to the public. Bond hearings will be held in accordance with the regular schedule. Preliminary Hearings, Warrant Application Hearings, **Abandonment Hearings**, Criminal Warrant Applications, and Weddings are suspended until further notice.

Ordinance Division--all regular Ordinance Hearings are suspended until further notice, except for jail cases, which will be heard as regularly scheduled.

Pretrial Services—Anyone required to report to Pretrial Services **in person** during this period may report to the investigator via telephone. Individuals currently being monitored by **ankle monitor** or other electronic device, **MUST CONTACT THE INVESTIGATOR FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON REPORTING.**

Additional operational updates will be available as issued and can be found at <https://dekalbcountymagistratecourt.com>

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