

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ORDER FOR DELAYED COURTHOUSE OPENING
AT THE DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
556 N. McDonough St, Decatur, GA 30030**

COURT HOUSE OPENING DELAY:

25AP1060

Start Time: 10:00AM

Day: Thursday, January 23, 2025

WHEREAS, the undersigned as Chief Judge of the DeKalb Superior Court has determined that, within the DeKalb County Courthouse located at 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030, and ALL DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSES, including the Juvenile Court located at 4309 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, and the 3630 Camp Circle, Decatur, GA 30032 location, will have a delayed opening of 10:00AM on Thursday, January 23, 2025, in order to ensure the safety of Courthouse staff, litigants, jurors, and the public in exercising caution on the roadways while travelling.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, Chief Judge Shondeana C. Morris of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, which comprises the DeKalb Judicial Circuit, which includes ALL DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSES, including the DeKalb County Courthouse located at 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030, Juvenile Court located at 4309 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, and the 3630 Camp Circle, Decatur, GA 30032 location, THE CHIEF JUDGE DOES HEREBY DECLARE the delayed opening of the DeKalb County Courthouse, and ALL DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSES.

2. The jurisdiction affected comprises ALL DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSES and all courthouse-based offices and related legal services.

3. The delay is necessitated in order to ensure safe travel of Courthouse staff, litigants, jurors, and the public on the roadways.

4. The Chief Judge pronounced the one-hour delay for 10:00AM on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

5. Other information relevant to the suspension or restoration of court operations:

a. **ALL judicial offices, clerk of court offices, and all other courthouse-based offices providing accountability court services, misdemeanor probation services, legal prosecution and defense representation, and courthouse security located at the DeKalb County Courthouse at 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030, 4309 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, and 3630 Camp Circle, Decatur, GA 30032 are AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to DELAY OPENING UNTIL 10:00AM.**

b. All such offices named above **shall open to the public** at 10:00AM on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

6. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, **all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements** are hereby **suspended, tolled, or extended** for the duration of the delay, as noted above.

7. **Notice of this declaration** of Delayed Opening **shall be disseminated** in accordance with OCGA § 38-3-63. Accordingly,

a. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Sheriff of DeKalb County or her designee** shall post a copy of this notice on all entrances to the Courthouse at 556 N. McDonough Street; and ALL OTHER COURTHOUSES.

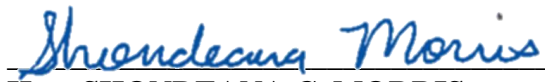
b. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Clerk of the Superior Court for DeKalb County**, or her designee, **shall immediately notify** the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and of the Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and,

c. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the **DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, or her designee**, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A § 38-3-63 by posting it on the DeKalb County website or other appropriate public address system; and,

8. Let the clerks of all courts of record in the DeKalb County Courthouse at 556 N. McDonough Street spread this Order upon the minutes of their courts.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, anyone requiring the Court's involvement in the emergency should contact the DeKalb County Clerk of Courts at (404) 371-2836, DeKalb County Superior Court Administrator at (404) 371-4901, DeKalb County State Court at (404)-371-2261, DeKalb County Probate Court at (404) 371-2601, DeKalb County Magistrate Court at (404) 371-2261, or the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office at (404) 371-7050.

SO ORDERED this the 22nd day of January, 2025.



Hon. SHONDEANA C. MORRIS
Chief and Administrative Judge of the Fourth
Judicial Administrative District
Superior Court of DeKalb County
DeKalb Judicial Circuit