

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MCDONOUGH

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES DURING PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

As a result of the viral pandemic currently existing and in contemplation of the potential transmission of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, and for the protection of the court users and staff, the Court hereby enters this Order which shall remain in effect until further notice.

1.

All visitors, upon entering the courthouse in connection with a court session will have his/her temperature taken with a non-touch thermometer. Entrance shall be prohibited with regard to anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Such persons shall be given contact information for court officials.

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All visitors shall respond to the screening statement given to them prior to entering the court building.

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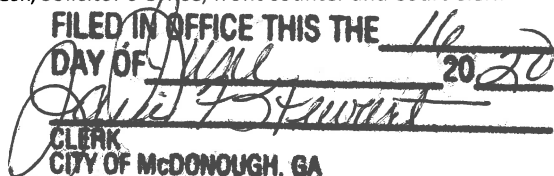
Face masks are to be worn by all persons appearing for a court session. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

4.

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times. In order to ensure proper social distancing, courtroom seating shall be arranged so that no less than six (6) feet of distance is maintained at all times for those who do not cohabitate.

5.

The court will have plexiglass or glass shields at the check-in desk, Solicitor's Office, front counter and Court Clerk Station.

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6.

Only parties, counsel and witnesses shall be allowed to enter the courtroom and adjacent areas. One parent of defendants under twenty one (21) years of age will also be allowed entry. The Court encourages that, when possible, arrangements for child care be made before coming to court.

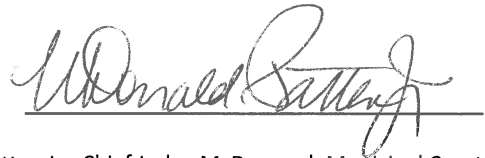
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All visitors who are members of a vulnerable population (such as persons over 65, individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune systems are compromised, such as by chemotherapy or cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy) are encouraged to bring that to the attention of the Court prior to any court appearance so that reasonable alternatives to appearing in person can be explored.

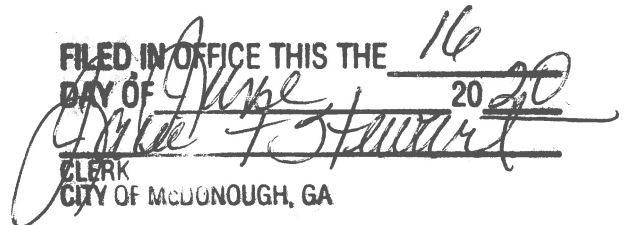
8.

The Clerk of Court is directed to post this Order at the entrance to the courthouse and on the Court's website.

SO ORDERED this 16 day of June, 2020.



W. Donald Patten Jr., Chief Judge McDonough Municipal Court

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