

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER CONTINUING THE SCHEDULED
MONDAY 5:00 PM ARRAIGNMENT
AND TRIAL CALENDARS FOR MARCH 16TH AND 23RD

WHEREAS the current outbreak of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS at the State level there has been the request and/or encouragement of both the Governor and Chief Judge of the Supreme Court to continue judicial matters if practicable so as to avoid the congregation of large groups and assist in the continuing effort to minimize further infection and transmission; and

WHEREAS the Court finds that such action is prudent at this time to also determine and set up future appropriate public health procedures and policies for the protection of both the public and those employed within the court itself, *it is therefore*

ORDERED and **DECREED** that the Municipal Court of the City of Calhoun, Georgia shall hereby continue all cases scheduled for the ordinary 5:00 PM arraignment/trial currently for March 16th, 2020 and March 23rd, 2020 to a date to be determined later.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and **DECREED** that, pending further information from the Governor or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the normal operations of the municipal court with regard to the normal Monday arraignment and trial calendars shall resume on March 30th, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and **DECREED** that all individuals may continue to pay fines on-line and in person at the Court office, however the electronic means is the preferred method for this period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and **DECREED** that any individual who may wish to resolve their pending municipal court case already scheduled for ordinary 5:00 PM arraignment/trial currently for March 16th, 2020 and March 23rd, 2020 by the entry of a *nolo contendere* may elect to do so by the filing of a *plea in absentia* with payment of the appropriate fine, said plea to be submitted to municipal staff by electronic mail and to be reviewed by the Court during this time period.

SO ORDERED and **DECREED** this the 13th day of March, 2020.



SUZANNE H. SMITH, CHIEF JUDGE
MUNICIPAL COURT
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
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