

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF LOVEJOY
STATE OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that a Public Health State of Emergency exist in the State of Georgia due to the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, and whereas that State of emergency constitutes a "Judicial Emergency" pursuant to O.C.G.A. sec. 38-3-60, et seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. sec. 38-3-61, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, ORDERED AND DECLARED a statewide Judicial Emergency in the State of Georgia on March 14, 2020. The nature of the emergency is the continued transmission of Coronavirus/COVID-19 throughout the State and the potential of those who work in or are required to appear in our Courts;

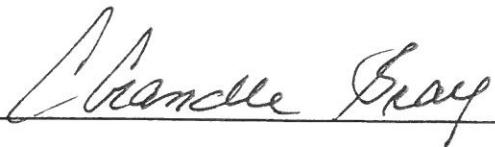
WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper to adopt guidelines to ensure public safety and protect the health and general public, litigants, court personnel, lawyers, and all others whom the court comes in contact, in keeping with general public health guidelines and the Order of Chief Justice Melton;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the State of Emergency declared by Justice Melton pursuant to Georgia Law, the following guidelines are hereby established for the Court in the City of Lovejoy commencing June 15, 2020 and continuing thereafter until further order of the Court:

1. Place a sign near the entry of the building/Courtroom and in other prominent places that states that individuals who have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 shall not enter the Courthouse;;
2. Place a sign in prominent places reminding individuals to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouths and noses when they cough and sneeze;
3. All court personnel shall wear a protective mask where possible;

4. All individuals who enter the Courtroom will be instructed by police personnel that six (6) distancing between individuals shall be maintained;
5. Attendance in the Courtroom shall be limited to a number that allows the distancing of six (6) feet to be maintained at all times;
6. Some screening should be conducted as individuals enter the Courtroom;
 - a. Questions to be asked:
 - b. Whether or not they have traveled to or from any area in which COVID-19 is particularly active;
 - c. If they or anyone in their household have experienced symptoms of COVID-19; or if they have been tested for the virus;
 - d. If possible, their temperature can be taken and anyone with a fever higher than 100.4 degrees should be refused admission and their case continued;
7. Do not allow patrons to congregate in waiting areas or common areas. Design a process to ensure patron separation while waiting to be seated that can include:
 - a. Floor markings
 - b. Outdoor distancing
 - c. Waiting in cars;

SO ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.



C. CRANDLE BRAY

Judge- Lovejoy Municipal Court
