

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF ROME  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**In Re: Postponement of Court Activities in Response to Coronavirus/COVID-19  
and Extension of the Court's March 12, 2020 Order.**

**Date: April 7, 2020**

**ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCES  
AND ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY NEW PROCEDURES**

On March 12, 2020, in response to the incidences of Coronavirus and COVID-19 currently occurring in the City of Rome and Floyd County and in an effort to better protect the health and safety of all our citizens, the Municipal Court for the City of Rome entered an order postponing all cases until April 16, 2020.

Following the entry of that Order, on March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton entered an order declaring a state of judicial emergency for the State of Georgia, postponing all non-essential judicial activity.

On April 6, 2020, Chief Justice Melton entered a second order extending the period of judicial emergency for Georgia through May 13, 2020. As such this Court extends the term of its March 12, 2020 order to remain consistent with the order issued by our Supreme Court. As such, it is the order of this Court that:

1. All pending cases scheduled for arraignment April 9, 2020; April 16, 2020; April 23, 2020; April 30, 2020; and May 7, 2020 are continued for a minimum of thirty days (30). All Defendants affected by this blanket continuance who do not receive a new arraignment date by mail prior to April 16, 2020 are hereby ordered to contact the Clerk's Office to receive a new arraignment date.

2. All pending cases scheduled for trial on April 8, 2020; April 15, 2020; April 22, 2020; April 29, 2020; May 6, 2020; and May 13, 2020 are continued for a minimum of thirty days (30). All Defendants affected by this blanket continuance who do not receive

a new trial date by mail prior to April 15, 2020 are hereby ordered to contact the Clerk's Office to receive a new trial date.

3. All scheduled probation revocation matters will proceed as scheduled unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Court will otherwise remain open, will continue to accept filings, payments of fines and fees, and shall conduct hearings on essential matters in the discretion of the Court.

5. All parties attempting to enter the Courtroom shall disclose to court personnel any fever within the past seven days, sore throat, coughing, or shortness of breath, so an appropriate scheduling decision may be made or appropriate precautions taken.

So ORDERED, this 7th day of April, 2020.



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Bryan Thomas Johnson, Judge  
Rome Municipal Court

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