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Municipal Court Dates and Online Payment of Municipal Court and Probation Fees

Updated May 21, 2020 - Municipal Court cases that have been postponed due to COVID-19 will be sent a reschedule letter to the address on the citation. If you need to update your address, please contact the court at 912.368.8206.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in new court procedures to be put in place to insure the health and safety of everyone. All defendants wishing to appear before the Judge MUST now call to reserve a court time on their designated court date. They will be briefed on new court proceedings at this time.

IMPORTANT

In order to finalize the court docket, those wishing to appear must have their request for a court time reserved by 3:00 PM the Monday before the scheduled court date. All defendants will be screened prior to entering the courtroom.

For more information, please contact the Hinesville Municipal Court at 912.368.8206.

Updated April 23, 2020 – Due to the extension of the Georgia Supreme Court's extension of the Judicial Emergency for the State of Georgia, the following court dates will be rescheduled:

April 29 May 6 May 13

If there are no extensions to this order made, the court anticipates sending out reschedule notices for future court dates beginning May 8, 2020. This is due to the wording of the original order, which states that an extension by the state will be signed no later than May, 6, 2020. Extensions will be made public at least 1 week in advance of the orders expiration date.

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Mar. 17, 2020) – The Hinesville Municipal Court and Hinesville Probation offices strongly encourages our defendants and probationers to utilize online methods of payment in the coming weeks to practice social distancing.

During this time, customers will not be charged the online convenience fees for their payments. These charges will be absorbed by the City until further notice.

Municipal Court Payments and Instructions:

To pay a citation online, you will need your citation number (found on your citation) or your



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driver's license number.

Probation Payments and Instructions:

Defendants wishing to pay their probation online must contact their Probation Officer to receive an account number. If you do not have an assigned account number, you will <u>NOT</u> be able to pay online. Contact information for Hinesville Probation Officers is below:

Probation Officer Abbott – 912.368.8198 or kabbott@cityofhinesville.org
Probation Officer Long – 912.368.8205 or rlong@cityofhinesville.org

Municipal Court Dates:

As reported, the Georgia Supreme Court has issued a Judicial Emergency order (signed and filed on Saturday, March 14) that began on Monday, March 16 and remains in effect until Monday, April 13 until 11:59 p.m. This has caused several court dates to be rescheduled. Below is a list of dates for rescheduled court hearings:

- The court date of March 18, 2020 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 15, 2020.
- The court date of March 25, 2020 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 22, 2020.
- The court dates of April 1 <u>and</u> April 8 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

Reschedule letters will be mailed to the address on your citation. If you have questions regarding your rescheduled court date or court fines/fees, please contact the Municipal Court at 912.368.8026.

To pay a fine online, please visit https://www.cityofhinesville.org/350/Online-Bill-Pay.

Additional information regarding COVID-19 will be shared as it becomes available via the City's website and social media accounts. Please visit our COVID-19 page for the latest information out of the City of Hinesville as it relates to our response to the COVID-19 situation in Georgia. For more information, please contact Whitney Morris – Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The <u>City of Hinesville</u> was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit <u>cityofhinesville.org</u>.