

**IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TOOMBS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

NOTICE

Due to the continued transmission of Coronavirus/COVID-19, Governor Kemp has declared a State of Emergency in Georgia. Subsequently, the Georgia Chief Supreme Court Justice has issued an order declaring a Judicial Emergency for all courts and clerk's offices until April 13, 2020, unless otherwise extended. Therefore, since state law requires that the magistrate court remain open during stated hours, our office will be open and will continue to assist the public. However, due to the State of Emergency concerning COVID-19 and in order to protect the health and safety of employees and the public, the door will remain closed.

If you need assistance, you must make an appointment with a clerk by calling 912-526-4602.

The Magistrate Court of Toombs County will:

- Reschedule all non-essential hearings until after April 13, 2020 unless otherwise extended; the court will send continuance notices once the order has been lifted
- Accept and process new filings, including statements of claims, dispossessories, foreclosures, and garnishments but will **NOT SERVE** new filings until the order is lifted
- Process civil answers and garnishment answers and issue garnishment payments
The court encourages answers to be mailed instead of personally delivered. The Magistrate Court of Toombs County's contact information is :
 - P.O. Box 1460**
 - Lyons, GA 30436**
 - Phone: 912-526-4602**
 - Fax: 912-526-8985**
 - toombsmagistratecourt@gmail.com.
- Not issue any default judgments for cases that may default during the State of Judicial Emergency.
- Continue to consider requests for warrants, conduct first appearance hearings and set bonds where the State does not oppose bonds.