EFFINGHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT
COVID-19 OPERATING GUIDELINES

The Probate Court of Effingham County has continued to perform essential functions under the order of Chief Justice Harold D. Melton. The Supreme Court Order from Honorable Melton reads as follows:

- The 4th court order extends the orders on March 14th, April 6th, May 11th and June 12th. The Judicial Emergency Order that would have expired on Sunday June 12th has been extended until Tuesday, August 11, 2020 AT 11:59PM. The Probate Court of Effingham County will continue to follow the current guidance provided by the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health during the pandemic of COVID-19.

Effingham County Probate Court will continue to issue the following **_BY APPOINTMENT ONLY_**:

- Gun Permits (Concealed Weapon Permits) applications will be accepted on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays ONLY.
- Marriage Licenses
- Estates/Administrations, pro se and Attorney
- Birth and Death Certificates
- Guardianships on minors and Adults
- Oaths for Petitions (performed via video phone call only)
- Cases that were pending before March 14th will have the same amount of time to act.

Please call Effingham County Probate Court for your specific case. Deadlines for Gun Permit Renewals will be extended. In recognizing the pandemic of COVID-19, the court is granting extensions, when needed, and will take economic hardships or lack of child care into consideration.

Probate Court suggests that all customers wear masks and practice social distancing.

Renewals for Gun Permits (Concealed Weapon Permits) are now offered online through the county's website. Please find the guidelines on the website at: effinghamcounty.org

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM COMING TO THE COURT IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, SYMPTOMS OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A PERSON WITH THE CORONAVIRUS OR FLU.

PLEASE CHECK FOR ANY UPDATES THAT THE PROBATE COURT MAY ISSUE.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of July, 2020 and effective until August 11, 2020.

_____

BETH RAHN MOSELY, JUDGE