

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING A
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER

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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY WITHIN COBB COUNTY DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER

1.

A judicial emergency exists within Cobb County such that winter weather, including snow and ice, may inhibit travel to the courthouse and cause power outages, making business within the courthouse impossible and resulting in severe effects within Cobb County.

2.

The emergency described in paragraph 1 substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation.

3.

Therefore, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-60 *et seq.*, Chief Judge Ann B. Harris of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Cobb Judicial Circuit, **HEREBY DECLARES** the existence of a judicial emergency due to the issues and conditions listed within paragraphs 1 and 2. The Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, the Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, Magistrate Court, and the Clerk's Offices of said courts shall be closed to the public from 12:30 PM January 21, 2025, until 8:00 AM January 22, 2025. However, the Magistrate Court shall remain open only for application and hearing of warrants or other essential business as directed by the Chief Magistrate. Nothing in this order shall prohibit the employees of such courts from working remotely during the emergency if directed to by the appropriate authority. Employees may return to work on January 22, 2025, at 12:00 AM if directed to by the appropriate authority.

4.

The Court further **ORDERS** that, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), the Court grants relief from all court deadlines, time schedules, or filing requirements for the duration of the judicial emergency.

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CONNIE TAYLOR
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
COBB COUNTY

5.

Upon issuance of this **ORDER**, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, the Court shall or shall cause by and through the Court Administrator (1) immediate notification of this action to the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, (2) notification and service of this order on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the jurisdictions affected and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, and (3) notice of the issuance of the order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

6.

For information about this Order, please contact 770-528-1800, option 6. This order is subject to be extended depending upon weather conditions on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of January, 2025



Ann B. Harris, Chief Judge
Cobb Judicial Circuit