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

**STANDING ORDER ON**  
**DISPOSSESSORY PROCEEDINGS**

JACQUELINE D. WILLS  
CLERK MAGISTRATE COURT

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, a Declaration of Judicial Emergency was entered by the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §38-3-60, et. seq., due to the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, through April 13, 2020, unless extended. The Order suspended non-essential court functions and stayed proceedings; and,

NOW THEREFORE, it appearing that essential functions include matters which effect an immediate liberty or safety concern, and do not include the adjudication of dispossession proceedings (evictions).

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that dispossession proceeding affidavits (petitions) will continue to be accepted by the Clerk of Court, but, shall thereafter be **STAYED**, or **ceased**, until 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020, unless the Georgia Supreme Court Order is extended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that upon expiration of this Stay Order, the Clerk of Court shall forward the summons and copy of the dispossession affidavit to the Sheriff's Office for service upon the Defendant/Tenant. The Defendant/Tenant shall have seven (7) calendar days (or, if the seventh day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the following business day) in which to file an answer with the Clerk of Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, during this stay, that no trials shall be held, no judgments shall be entered, and no Writs of Possession shall be issued.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Chief Judge Wanda L. Dallas  
Magistrate Court of Clayton County