

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLAYTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

EMERGENCY ORDER ON  
TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

WHEREAS the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 38-3-60 *et seq.*, issued an ORDER DECLARING STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY (hereinafter "Emergency Order") on March 14, 2020;

WHEREAS the Emergency Order has been extended three times, most recently by a THIRD ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY (hereinafter "Extended Order") effective through July 12, 2020;

WHEREAS the Extended Order requires that Georgia courts continue certain essential operations within the restrictions and modifications provided by its terms;

WHEREAS the Clayton County Magistrate Court, sitting by designation as a Superior Court for purposes of hearing Temporary Protective Orders (hereinafter "TPO's"), has operated continuously during the entire judicial emergency; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Wanda L. Dallas, Chief Judge of the Clayton County Magistrate Court, issued a STANDING ORDER PURSUANT TO AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY on April 14, 2020, extending all Ex Parte TPOs for the duration of the judicial emergency;

Now therefore IT IS ORDERED that the Clayton County Magistrate Court will continue to operate in accordance with the guidelines of the Extended Order and provide ongoing services to victims of family violence and stalking who seek TPO's.

The Court has established a process by which Petitioners can seek Temporary Protective Orders with the support of the Clayton County Police Department and Clayton Legal Aid. That process continues to be available Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Ex Parte Hearings will be conducted remotely until such time as the Harold R. Banke Justice Center can reopen pursuant to the requirements of the Chief Justice's Extended Order.

All Ex Parte TPO's that were issued prior to the Emergency Order, but were set to expire during the judicial emergency, ARE HEREBY EXTENDED until the end of the judicial emergency, and any extensions thereof. All Ex Parte TPOs that were issued after March 14, 2020, ARE HEREBY EXTENDED until 30 days after the expiration of the judicial emergency and any extensions thereof, or August 11, 2020, whichever is later. **Law enforcement shall continue strictly enforcing any such TPOs and any violations thereof.**

The Clerk of Court is directed to transmit this Order to the G.C.I.C. in all TPO cases with an Ex Parte TPO that would have expired from March 14, 2020, onward, and with all future Ex Parte TPO's issued during the judicial emergency and any extensions thereof. The Clerk of Court is further directed to correct the expiration date of all Ex Parte TPO's that would have expired during the judicial emergency to a date that ensures the G.C.I.C. Registry will reflect that such TPO's are still in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, *nunc pro tunc* to March 14, 2020.



HON. WANDA L. DALLAS

Chief Judge, Clayton County Magistrate Court and  
Judge, Clayton County Superior Court,  
Sitting by designation

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