

**PROBATE COURT OF WALTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brian Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, has declared a Public Health State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, has declared a Statewide Judicial Emergency exists affecting all courts and clerk's offices in the State;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the Order Declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency for the dates March 16, 2020 to April 13, 2020, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

During the time period stated above, the Walton County Probate Court shall perform only essential functions, which are defined as emergency adult guardianship/conservatorship matters, permanent guardianship/conservatorship petitions with accusations of abuse, neglect or harm, medical consent guardianships, and orders to apprehend. Further, all trials and hearings scheduled during the stated time frame are hereby continued until further order of this Court, and only emergency hearings will be scheduled. The Court will accept estate/guardianship filings by self-represented litigants by appointment only.

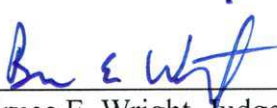
Georgia Probate Courts, including the Walton County Probate Court, will temporarily suspend acceptance of applications for Weapons Carry Licenses and Renewal Weapons Carry Licenses pursuant to the Judicial Emergency Order. Weapons Carry Licenses due to renew during the Emergency period will not expire, and the expiration date will be extended for thirty (30) days. Presently, that date is April 13, 2020; should that date be extended, further order will issue.

Marriage Licenses will be issued by appointment only to those couples whose marriage ceremony will occur on or before April 13, 2020. Marriage Licenses for ceremonies occurring after April 13, 2020 will not be issued until April 14, 2020.

To the extent possible, all indicated matters shall be handled by mail or phone in order to limit the number of people accessing the Probate Court Chambers. Any other matters deemed urgent will be handled by appointment only.

Should the Judicial State of Emergency be extended beyond April 13, 2020, a corresponding Order shall be entered by this Court.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.

  
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Bruce E. Wright, Judge  
Walton County Probate Court

