

IN THE CITY OF DECATUR MUNI
STONE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

AMENDED EMERGENCY STANDING ORDER REGARDING ARRESTS

This Standing Order is issued in connection Governor's State of Emergency that precipitated The Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency and the subsequent Order Declaring Judicial Emergency issued by Chief Superior Court Judge Asha Jackson, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 38-3-60(2)(D) by reference and incorporation, and in consideration of efforts to minimize the continued transmission of the serious health crisis and safety condition Coronavirus/COVID-19. This Order was initially issued March 14, 2020, and has been extended consistent with the Chief Justice's and Chief Circuit Judge's Orders, which have been extended ten times. Said Standing Order is hereby extended a tenth time and shall remain in place until February 7, 2021 unless otherwise extended or amended. Said Order shall extend automatically to remain consistent with any Statewide and or Circuit extension until updated.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that individuals arrested on a citation (without a warrant) by City of Decatur, Georgia police officers for the following listed offenses and where a review of their GCIC and /or NCIC criminal history shows that the individual has no prior convictions for the same offense for which they were arrested and the individual has been unable to post bond within forty-eight hours (48) of their arrest they shall be released from custody with notice of their court date for trial of their case in the Municipal Court of Decatur, Georgia, which shall be provided by the police officer at the time of arrest.

The standing order covers arrest citations for the following offenses, to-wit:

OCGA Section 40-5-20	Driving Without a License
OCGA Section 40-5-121	Driving with a Suspended License
OCGA Section 16-11-39	Disorderly Conduct
OCGA Section 16-13-2	Possession of Marijuana Less Than an Ounce
OCGA Section 40-6-10	No Insurance
OCGA Section 16-8-14	Shoplifting (Misdemeanor)
Any City of Decatur ordinance violations	
Any related traffic offenses for which the individual was also arrested, except OCGA Section 49-6-391 Driving Under the Influence	

Individuals arrested with a warrant for failure to appear or for an alleged violation of probation will be seen by the Court within seventy-two (72) hours of their arrest. Alternatively, the Court may review the individual's criminal history and or record to set a bond and court date to allow for SOR release within four-eight (48) hours of arrest.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day January, 2021.


Rhathelia Stroud, Chief Judge
City of Decatur Municipal Court