

Perry Municipal Court
COURT PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

You are receiving this letter as a reminder of your upcoming court date. **Court hearings will take place at the Perry Arts Center located at 1121 Macon Rd., Perry, GA.**

If you have already paid your citation and if your appearance is not mandatory, you do not need to come to court. If you wish to dispute the violation, it is your right to appear in court and that is why you are receiving this notice. For many traffic violations, appearance is not required.

Examples of violations that **are a mandatory appearance** include:

DUI	Suspended Registration
Occupy Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	No Insurance
Possession of Alcohol Under 21	Hit and Run
Driving While License Suspended	Reckless Driving
Driving While Unlicensed	Speeding 30+ Over Limit
Resisting/Interfering with Officer	Shoplifting
Possession of Marijuana	Tampering with Utilities
Possession of Drug Related Objects	Permitting Unlicensed Person to Drive

If you are not sure whether you must appear for court, please contact the **clerk's office: (478) 988-2814**

In response to the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus, Perry Municipal Court has implemented changes to court hearing procedures. Please be advised of the following:

- When you arrive for your court hearing, you will check in outside of the building with Perry Municipal Court staff. Security and Health Screening (temperature check and questions regarding COVID-19) will take place prior to entering the courtroom. If we reach max capacity, you may be asked to wait in your vehicle until you are notified by court staff to proceed to the courtroom.
- Only the Defendant listed on the citation will be allowed to enter the court, with their attorney if applicable. Individuals under 21 years of age may be accompanied by one parent/guardian.
- **No friends, family members, or children may enter the building.** If you encounter a childcare issue, please contact the clerk's office prior to your hearing. Continuances will be granted.
- Defendants who are 60 years of age or older and are not comfortable coming to court due to increased risk may contact the clerk's office prior to the hearing date. Continuances will be granted.
- **Any Defendant who is ill will not be permitted to enter the court.** If you do not feel well, please stay at home and call the clerk's office. If necessary, leave a message with your phone number so that you can be contacted. Continuances will be granted.
- **Defendants will be required to wear a face covering (mask or cloth) the entire time while inside of the building.**
- Defendants who require an interpreter for court proceedings please contact the clerk's office prior to your court date. (**Los acusados que requieran un intérprete, comuníquense de inmediato al teléfono 478-988-2814 para obtener más información.**)
- All Defendants and staff must observe **at least six feet of social distance at all times.**

If you do not have an attorney and would like information about resolving your case without a court appearance, contact the Solicitor for City of Perry, Joseph Prine: (478) 257-6333 or e-mail perry.solicitor@gmail.com. There is no cost to you for contacting the City Solicitor and you may be able to accept a plea recommendation to resolve your case without appearing in court.