



PERQUIMANS COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

March 18, 2020

Pursuant to the **ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA** [under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(2)], the Perquimans County Courts will suspend operation of our district and superior courts for 30 days, with some limited exceptions.

- **CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT**

- Preliminary criminal proceedings will continue to be held. These proceedings include:
 - First Appearance Hearings
 - Bond Hearings
 - Probable Cause Hearings
 - Probation Violation Hearings (If the defendant is in custody)
 - Limited Driving Privilege Hearings

- **CIVIL DISTRICT COURT**

- All victims of domestic violence will continue to have access to the courts and protective orders will continue to be processed.
- Emergency Custody matters will continue to be heard
- Preliminary Injunction matters will continue to be heard
- Temporary Restraining matters will continue to be heard
- Any civil hearing that, with consent of all parties and the presiding judge, can be heard remotely and through video, telephonic or internet means may be heard

- **CHILD SUPPORT COURT**

- All child support courts are cancelled until after April 30, 2020

- **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY/DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COURTS**

- Juvenile Delinquency/DSS Court sessions will remain as scheduled but shall be limited for the following matters:
 - First Appearance Hearings
 - Probable Cause Hearings
 - Secured Custody Hearings
 - Emergency and Time Mandated matters (DSS Court)

We thank you for your cooperation in this effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) to others in the community.



- **MAGISTRATE COURT**

- The Magistrate's Office will continue to operate on a normal schedule except for conducting Small Claims Court
- All Small Claims Courts will be rescheduled after April 30, 2020

- **PROBATE COURT (CLERK OF COURT)**

- Subject to health precautions, the following matters will continue to be heard
 - Involuntary Commitment Hearings
 - Guardianship Hearings
 - Pressing Estate matters
- Other matters pending before the Clerk (such as Foreclosures and other Special Proceedings) will be postponed

- **SUPERIOR COURT**

- All Superior Court matters (Criminal, Civil and Administrative) scheduled in the First Judicial District during the period of March 16, 2020 through April 16, 2020 are rescheduled to the first term in such county, for such type of proceeding previously scheduled after April 16, 2020.

