

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

*Filed this 22nd Day of  
January, 2025.  
Elisa Zarate*  
**Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court  
Office of Superior & State Courts  
for Athens-Clarke County**

**AMENDED ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE  
AND  
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, Interim Manager Brad Griffin declared that given deteriorating road conditions and the winter weather, ACCGov will be closing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 and delaying opening until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025 conditions had not improved and Interim Manager Brad Griffin announced that ACCGov will close for the entire day Wednesday, January 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all general office operations of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCGov) and workstations for non-emergency personnel will remain closed Wednesday, January 22, 2025 and reopen Thursday, January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation:

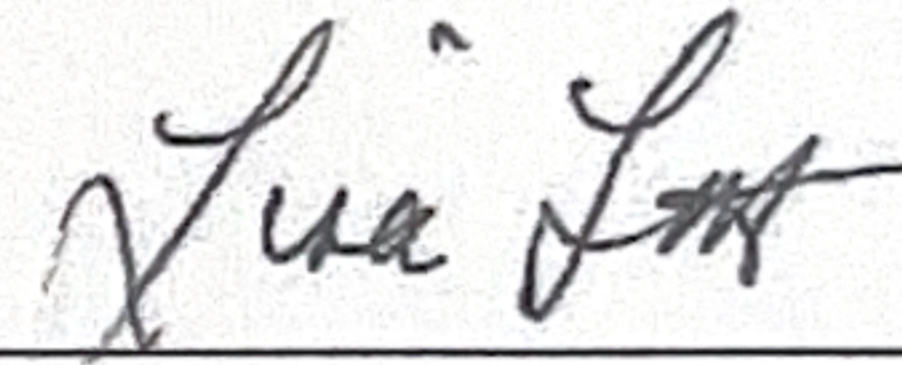
IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse shall be closed on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 and will reopen Thursday, January 23, 2025. Superior, State, Magistrate, Probate, Juvenile, and Municipal Court shall be closed. Filings may still be made remotely with the Clerk of the Courts located at the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse through the following websites:

- Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court: Civil and Criminal Cases:  
<https://peachcourt.com/> and <https://www.accgov.com/324/Clerk-of-Superior-State-Courts>
- All after hours procedures involving CHINS, Delinquency and DFACS matters shall remain in full force and effect.

For emergency matters that require Court involvement, or for the need to speak to a court official on an emergency basis, please call the Athens-Clarke County Clerk of Court, Elisa Zarate, at 762-400-6488 or the Athens-Clarke County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Division at 706-613-3250.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines falling on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until Thursday, January 23, 2025.

IT SO ORDERED, at 7:26 a.m. this 22nd day of January, 2025.



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Chief Judge Lisa Lott  
Western Judicial Circuit