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### **Suspension of in-person court proceedings extended to April 30 *Ruling impacts Athens Municipal Court***

Athens Municipal Court is operating under the Supreme Court mandate to suspend in-person court proceedings through the extended date of April 30.

What does this mean for those with proceedings in Athens Municipal Court?

1. The courtroom remains closed to the public.
2. Municipal Court staff are working modified hours. Those with court-related questions or those who need to make court-related payments can call 256-233-8733 or email [court@athensal.us](mailto:court@athensal.us) during these hours:  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3. Effective immediately, any person who has been sentenced and ordered to make monthly payments toward his or her fine, costs or other court-ordered fees have a 60-day grace period to make said payment. This will include payments for March and April 2020. (This applies to previously sentenced defendants.)
4. Our clerks will accept payments of any amount from those who are able to make a payment. (This applies to previously sentenced defendants.)
5. Those not previously sentenced who need to correspond with court for an individual need or request regarding inability to make a citation payment can email [court@athensal.us](mailto:court@athensal.us) or fax requests to 256-233-6889.
6. Defensive Driving School scheduled for April 20 is cancelled. Court staff are contacting those who registered to discuss a rescheduling date.

*Please note these local procedures are for Athens Municipal Court ONLY. The local procedures do not apply to Limestone County Circuit and District courts.*