

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, at a Special Called meeting on June 29, 2021 this Council adopted Resolution No. 204-21 designating several temporary alternative courthouse locations for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 204-21 made detailed findings outlining the continued need for temporary alternative courthouse locations which are incorporated as though set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 204-21 was amended by resolution No.205-21 to add the Muscogee County Public Education Center located at 2960 Macon Road as an additional courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Muscogee County has received a grant to allow it lease facilities at 2100 Comer Avenue in Columbus, Georgia to allow for adequately spaced jury selection proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 15-6-18 provides that when it is impracticable to hold any session of state or superior court at the courthouse, it shall be lawful to hold court and any session sitting in such place as the proper authorities of the County in and for which the court is to be held may from time to time provide; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it appropriate to extend its designation of additional temporary alternative locations for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts sitting in Muscogee County, up to and until December 31st,2022 to hold proceedings during the COVID-19 reopening period.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

We hereby ratify our designation of the City Services Center, the 10th Street Annex, the Columbus Civic Center, the Columbus Ice Rink, the Columbus Iron Works Trade and Convention Center, and the Muscogee County Public Education Center located at 2960 Macon Road as additional available courthouse facilities for the purpose of holding any of the above-mentioned Court proceedings, subject to facility availability as confirmed by the City Manager or his designee or where appropriate the School District Superintendent or his designee.

We hereby designate the building located at 2100 Comer Avenue as additional courthouse facilities for the purpose of holding any of the above-mentioned court proceedings.

This order shall remain in effect up to and including December 31st, 2022, unless revoked by resolution of this Council.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Judge Bemon McBride of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and State Court Judges Andy Prather and Ben Richardson, and Municipal Court Judge Stephen Smith.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 22nd day of February, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of _____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor