

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Judicial State of Emergency declared by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is expected to expire on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Courthouse has limited space and elevator capacity, and upon reopening the Municipal Court will need to accommodate a large number of members of the public while maintaining appropriate social distancing and protecting staff and those participating in judicial proceedings; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it appropriate to designate additional temporary alternative locations for the Municipal Court of Muscogee County to hold certain large proceedings such as docket calls during the initial COVID-19 reopening period.

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

We hereby designate the Columbus Civic Center and the Columbus Iron Works Trade and Convention Center as additional available courthouse facilities for the purpose of holding Municipal Court proceedings for the time period of June 13, 2020 through September 15, 2020 subject to availability and scheduling by the City Manager.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Judge Bemon McBride of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Municipal Court Judge Steven D. Smith.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 12th day of May, 2020 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 Thompson	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor