

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY  
OCMULGEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ORDER DECLARING LOCAL JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook for Georgia counties, including Hancock, advising that a Winter Storm Watch is in effect from 7 AM Friday until 7 AM Saturday (January 10, 2025, through January 11, 2025) with impacts to travel expected;

**WHEREAS**, the Court has been informed that Hancock County Schools will be closed on Friday, January 10, 2025, due to the expected storm; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of Hancock County has declared that the Hancock County Courthouse shall be closed on January 10, 2025;

**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 Hancock County Courts shall be closed on Friday, January 10, 2025, and shall reopen as usual on Monday, January 13, 2025. This closure applies to Superior, Juvenile, Probate, and Magistrate Courts.

Filings may still be made remotely through the following websites:

**Superior Court:**

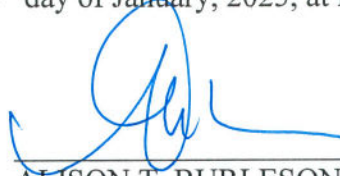
Civil cases: <https://peachcourt.com/>

Criminal cases: <https://peachcourt.com/>

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(a), all court deadlines and other time schedules and filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, including without limitation civil, criminal, and administrative cases, falling on Friday, January 10, 2025, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until Monday, January 13, 2025.

A copy of this Order shall be posted at the Hancock County Courthouse as well as the court and county websites.

**SO ORDERED**, at 4:00 p.m., this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, at Madison, Georgia.



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ALISON T. BURLESON  
Chief Judge, Superior Court of Hancock County  
Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit