

COVID- 19 - UPDATE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

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IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE PROACTIVE DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT AS OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M., THE LAURENS COUNTY OFFICES AT THE HILLCREST JUDICIAL /ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING WILL BE SUSPENDING PUBLIC ACCESS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The following offices will provide services under these adjusted operations:

LAURENS COUNTY TREASURER, AUDITOR AND ASSESSOR:

- The above Offices will remain operational and will be accepting only phone calls, emails, faxes and regular mail.
- **Any and All business needing to be conducted with the offices of the Treasurer, Auditor or Assessor will be conducted at the drive-thru window (located at the Treasures Office).**
- Due to the concern for the COVID-19, the following procedures are in place:
 - Payments for taxes will continue to be taken on the website <http://www.laurenscountysctaxes.com>, regular mail along with the night drop available after hours.
 - The drive through will be available during normal business hours (9:00 AM until 5:00 PM)
 - During normal business hours someone from the Auditor and Assessor's Office would be available at the drive through area for time-sensitive vehicle and real property tax concerns.
 - All other questions and concerns would need to be handled by telephone during business hours.
 - Assessor's Office 864-984-6546 Option 5
 - Auditor's Office 864-984-2535 Option 5
 - Treasurer's Office 864-984-4742 Option 5

LAURENS COUNTY BUILDING CODES & INSPECTIONS - This office will remain operational and will be conducting all business accepting phone calls, emails, faxes and regular mail.

LAURENS COUNTY REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS - The Registration and Elections office, located at the historic courthouse, will be remain open for absentee voting.

LAURENS COUNTY MAGISTRATE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS - All Magistrate Courts have temporarily suspended operations due to the courthouse being closed to the public. Anyone with a pending criminal/traffic case between the dates of October 15th through October 30th will be rescheduled. A summons will be mailed to you reflecting a new court date and time for you to appear.

CLINTON/LAURENS MUNICIPAL COURTS - will not be affected with this closure and will remain open during normal business hours. Laurens Magistrate Courts will resume normal operations on October 30, 2020 unless further action is needed. Should you have any questions or concerns, you may call (864) 681-0583 or email fhaupfear@co.laurens.sc.us.

THE CLERK OF COURT – will be available by phone (864) 984-3538 with options. Business can be conducted through the Treasurers drive thru for Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court. Citizens may need to call to let us know that our office has something waiting for pickup. Staff will be available to the public by phone as well as emails or fax information. Emails for the Clerk of Court (llancaster@co.laurens.sc.us); emails for the register of deeds (vbagwell@co.laurens.sc.us).

LAURENS AND CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - The Library is committed to continue services while following DHEC and CDC recommendations to keep its staff and the citizens of Laurens County as safe as possible. This includes delivering books to the curb, waiving fines on overdue books and possibly story times via the Internet. Call the Laurens Library at 864-681-7323 or the Clinton Library at 864-833-1853 for more information.