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**FLORENCE, SC** – In compliance with guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Office of the Governor on March 15, 2020, the Supreme Court of South Carolina has directed that all jury trials be postponed and that all large gatherings such as traffic and criminal court are postponed until further notice.

Therefore, beginning with court scheduled at 9:00am on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the City of Florence Municipal Court will not hold morning court or jury trials until further notice. Defendants with scheduled court appearances during this time will be notified by mail of your scheduled court appearance.

The goal is to reduce gatherings of large groups and to encourage recommended “social distancing” guidelines in an effort to contain and mitigate the COVID-19 virus spread. City officials will continue to monitor the impact and need of such restrictions, and under the direction of the South Carolina Supreme Court will re-evaluate these actions as circumstances change.