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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Anita Praytor, Clerk of Court
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Folly Beach, SC (Tuesday April 28th, 2020) The City of Folly Beach Municipal Court has created a general email address for any proof of listed citations to be submitted for consideration while court is closed to the public during the City's State of Emergency.

Proof may be sent to clerkofcourt@cityoffollybeach.com as advised by the officer to do so for confirmation of satisfaction of duty and requirement. The received information will be forwarded to the charging officer. Once the court receives approval from the officer, the person cited will receive a return email advising them of further steps.

Citations that proof may be submitted for:

- Failure to change address on driver's license
- Failure to change address on registration
- No driver's license 1st offense
- Driver's license not in possession 1st offense
- Defective headlights
- Expired license plate/registration
- Failure to surrender license plate 1st offense
- No proof of insurance in motor vehicle
- Operating uninsured motor vehicle 1st offense
- No registration in possession
- Unsafe/defective equipment
- Window tint violation
- Driving under suspension, not for DUI, 1st offense

To Submit

Please include the following in your email to the court along with your proof of compliance:

- Citation number (also include a photo or scanned copy of your citation if possible)
- Charge
- Legal Name (as appears on your driver's license)
- Return email address (if it is different than the email address used to provide the information)

The court does not represent you nor the State of South Carolina. It represents itself.

You retain the following constitutional rights for any charges:

- You have the right to a trial by jury.
- You have the right to a bench trial.
- You have the right to hire your own attorney.
- You have the right to plead guilty, not guilty, or no contest.

If you plead guilty, you give up the right to confront your accuser and your right to remain silent. There are three citations that the Judge is unable to reduce by fine or points:

- Seatbelt violation - \$25 (no points associated with charge)
- Inattentive Driving - \$155 (no points associated with charge)
- Speeding, 10 mph or less over the speed limit - \$76.88 and 2 points

These are the minimum fines and points assessed. They can be paid online using the following link: <https://ssl.sc.gov/checkout/follybeach/>. Payment can also be dropped off in the lock box located in the lobby of City Hall, 21 Center Street Folly Beach, SC 29439. Drop off payments can be money order, or cashier's check and must include the citation in a sealed envelope. Other inquiries for payments please contact the court: clerkofcourt@cityoffollybeach.com.

This decision was made in the best interest of public health and out of an abundance of caution in helping to prevent transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Council declared a State of Emergency in the city of Folly Beach to take effect through 11:59 p.m. Sunday May 31st. The vote was made at a special called council meeting on Friday, March 20th. It temporarily suspends normal operating procedures of Council and authorizes the City Administrator and Mayor to develop and enact a plan to ensure the continuity in the delivery of government services during the COVID-19 emergency.

Please contact the court if you have any questions, need to update your address for case rescheduling, or for other assistance.

For more information visit the City's website: follybeach.gov.