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ST. CHARLES COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT OFFERS DEFENDANTS VIRTUAL COURT APPEARANCE OPTION

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Municipal Court, located at 399 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters, is now offering a virtual court appearance option for defendants. The court handles traffic violations issued by the St. Charles County Police Department and Missouri Highway Patrol, as well as cases involving violations of County ordinances.

“We are providing this alternative to help limit in-person appearances and for defendants who have health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic,” says Municipal Court Judge Joel Brett. “However, defendants still have the option to appear in person. The St. Charles County Municipal Court is following all guidelines set by the State of Missouri Supreme Court, including conducting health screenings and temperature checks, requiring masks, and allowing a limited number of defendants in the courtroom.”

The court is mailing notices about the availability of virtual court to defendants who have pending cases. Defendants will need to apply for this appearance option by completing the Defendant Virtual Court Appearance Request Form at sccmo.org/MunicipalCourt at least seven days prior to the in-person court date assigned.

- To participate in virtual court, defendants must have a computer or mobile device with a camera and microphone, and internet access.
- Once approved, defendants will receive a Zoom meeting invitation email containing a link to attend the virtual court appearance.
- The virtual court appearance date issued is non-negotiable. If the defendant is unavailable for the assigned date, the defendant **MUST** appear on the in-person date.
- If the defendant has technical difficulties on the virtual court appearance date assigned, they must contact the court at 636-949-1833 immediately.

For more information, contact the St. Charles County Municipal Court at 636-949-1833 or munict@sccmo.org.

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About St. Charles County:

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state’s third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.