

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN THE STATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

**WEATHER AND SIMILAR COURT CLOSINGS**

MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND POLICY

In order to facilitate decision making and the making of announcement to affected agencies, parties and the public, the Courts of Cherokee County find it advisable to create a policy for WEATHER related closing. This policy should also maintain sufficient flexibility for affected courts. This policy does not apply in cases in which closings are mandated by purely localized conditions at one county complex or another.

**Closing conditions occurring DURING OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OFFICE HOURS:**

Whenever, during office hours or immediately prior thereto, the County Administration Offices are announced to be closed due to safety concerns generated by present or impending weather or similar conditions, the Courts of Cherokee County will likewise close. However, individual courts and cases being heard may continue for a reasonable time thereafter in the discretion of the presiding judge after consulting with Cherokee County FEMA and on-site personnel.

**Closing conditions occurring on weekends, holidays, evenings or NON-OFFICE HOURS:**

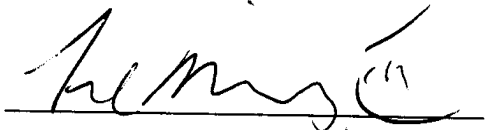
Whenever, during hours other than office hours, County Administration Offices are announced closed due to safety concerns generated by present or impending weather conditions the Courts, likewise, will close for the INITIAL DAY and EXTENT of such closure ONLY.


**Closing / Re-opening Decision for Subsequent Days**

Affected courts, at a minimum will re-open when county offices re-open unless announced otherwise. Courts will attempt to communicate with each other, and at a minimum communicate through Clerk of Court in the event the courts or any of them intend to re-open when county offices have decided to remain closed. Any decision to re-open or remain open when county offices are closed should be communicated AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE to the Clerk of Court for announcement by FEMA and County Web. The courts will not re-open when other offices remain closed with shorter notice through Clerk of Court and / or Cherokee County FEMA later

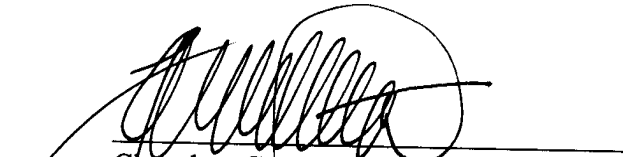
than 6:00 a. m. for opening that day or with fewer than 3 hours notice if late opening is contemplated..

Closing for subsequent days may be subject of another rule, or decision between affected courts, departments and agencies.

  
Chief Judge, Cherokee Superior Court

  
Chief Judge, Cherokee State Court

  
Cherokee County Probate Judge

  
Cherokee County Magistrate