



How to File a Private Warrant Application in Metro Atlanta Counties

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FULTON COUNTY

For the warrant to be granted, you must:

- Show that the crime was committed in Fulton
- Pay a \$20 fee, unless the crime was domestic violence or sex-related
- Present a photo ID, as well as all of the details of the crime
- Have the physical address for all parties listed, so they can be notified of the warrant

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DEKALB COUNTY

For the warrant to be granted:

- The applicant must be 18 years of age or older; parents or guardians may file on behalf of a minor
- The named person in the warrant must be 17 years old or older
- You must have proof that the alleged crime took place in DeKalb County
- You need the police report number, if available
- You need the current mailing address and the date of birth of the person named in the warrant
- The person filing the application must swear before the clerk of court that the information is true and accurate
- You must pay a \$20 application fee

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GWINNETT COUNTY

For misdemeanor crimes, or those punishable by less than 12 months in jail, that occur in Gwinnett County, a citizen is permitted to pursue the criminal matter on their own. To apply for a private warrant, you must visit the Gwinnett Magistrate Court, located at 2900 University Parkway in Lawrenceville. The court can be found on the second floor.

Any applicant must not only fill out the application for the criminal arrest warrant and pay the \$20 application fee in cash, but swear an oath to a judge and provide testimony. If the judge deems the testimony supports the issuance of a warrant, a formal warrant application hearing will be scheduled.

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COBB COUNTY

People who want to apply for a private warrant in Cobb County need to visit the Cobb County Magistrate Court at 32 Waddell Street in Marietta. The court is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the requirements for filing such an application, citizens can call the Clerk of Courts at (770) 528-8900.

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FORSYTH COUNTY

If you would like to file a private warrant application in Forsyth County, you can do so by visiting the Magistrate Court. To expedite the process, you can fill out the application by downloading and printing it.

The Magistrate Court is located at 1090 Tribble Gap Road in Cumming. Like other counties, once you have sworn that the information contained in the application is true, a hearing will be set in order for the named person to respond.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

In order to be granted, your application must meet certain requirements:

- The applicant must be 18 years of age or older; parents or guardians may file on behalf of a minor
- The named person in the warrant must be 17 years old or older
- You must have proof that the alleged crime took place in Cherokee County
- You need the police report number, if available
- You need the current mailing address of the person named in the warrant
- The person filing the application must swear before the clerk of court that the information is true and accurate
- You must pay a \$20 application fee

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