



LENOIR COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS COURTROOM RELOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

June 26, 2025

To the Citizens of Lenoir County and All Litigants of the Lenoir County Small Claims Court:

Please be advised that with the recent successful North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) transition to eCourts, which included Lenoir County, the need to relocate the Lenoir County Small Claims Courtroom has been identified and is being addressed. With the new technological-advanced eCourts system, along with the upgraded equipment and necessary processes for eCourts, the current Lenoir County Small Claims Courtroom is no longer an option to provide the necessary support and service to the litigants of this valuable court.

As your Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge, we are announcing *effective July 07, 2025*, the Lenoir County Small Claims Courtroom is being relocated into the Lenoir County main Courthouse. The "new" Small Claims Courtroom will be on the first floor in the former space of the Lenoir County Commissioners Meeting Room, which is located directly across from the Lenoir County District Attorney's Office and diagonally across from the Lenoir County Courthouse Sheriff's Office.

This new Small Claims Courtroom will provide the Magistrates, Litigants, Attorneys and Witnesses the much-needed space and technology required in conjunction with the new eCourts systems and processes. Also, this new Small Claims Courtroom provides the same level of Courtroom Security that all other Courts receive.

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of Lenoir County Manager Mike James and Lenoir County Assistant Manager Adam Short that we make this relocation announcement and look forward to providing the citizens of Lenoir County with the best possible Courtroom facilities available.

Should you have any questions regarding this new Small Claims Courtroom or location, please feel free to contact the Lenoir County Clerk of Court's Office or the Lenoir County Magistrate's Office.

Respectfully,

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Imelda J. Pate
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge / Lenoir County

Handwritten signature of W. Curtis Stackhouse in blue ink.

W. Curtis Stackhouse
Chief District Court Judge / Lenoir County