

# **MEMORANDUM**

November 6, 2018

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
Cliff Moore, City Manager

**FROM:** The Honorable Susan Woodard, Presiding Judge  
Linda Hagert, Court Services Manager  
Isabel Cruz, Accountant

**SUBJECT:** 3rd Quarter 2018 Municipal Court Office Statistics

The City of Yakima Municipal Court operation was created in late 1996 and has been an independent judicial arm of the City since January 1, 1997. The Court Adjudicates all traffic infractions, misdemeanors, and gross misdemeanors cited in the City. The Court operates with two full time Judges, one of whom provides over the Court's activities, and a part time Court Commissioner. The City Council adopts the Courts budget annually; the Court is otherwise independent from City Administration.

Following, please find summary statistical reports for Municipal Court's 3rd Quarter activity through September 30, 2018. Detailed reports are available from the Office of the Municipal Court. Prior year totals for 2017 are included for comparison.

The following summary information for each quarter includes:

- I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics**
- II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics**
- III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics**
- IV. Collection Statistics--Municipal Court Outstanding Time-Pay Contracts**
- V. Outside Agency Collection Statistics**

## Yakima Municipal Court -- 3rd Quarter 2018

### I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2018 YTD Total
<b>Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2018</b>						
Infractions Filed	15,258	6,585	1,009	998	879	9,471
Violations Charged	23,086	9,904	1,536	1,544	1,359	14,343
Mitigation Hearings	1279	586	107	95	107	895
Contested Hearings	323	143	18	25	22	208
Show Cause Hearings	163	74	11	6	17	108
Other Hearings On Record	2,171	1,256	214	178	187	1,835
<b>Total</b>	42,280	18,548	2,895	2,846	2,571	26,860
<b>Dispositions During Year: 2018</b>						
Infractions Paid	3,724	1,540	261	253	224	2,278
Failure to Respond	94	39	17	20	4	80
Committed	6,540	2,803	468	427	549	4,247
Not Committed	142	83	11	19	4	117
Dismissed	1,738	907	162	139	139	1,347
Amended	83	29	6	5	10	50
<b>Total Disposed</b>	12,321	5,401	925	863	930	8,119
<b>Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues</b>	\$1,386,053	\$710,963	\$98,432	\$107,846	\$76,973	\$994,214
<b>Budget</b>	\$1,367,599					\$1,367,599

## Yakima Municipal Court -- 3rd Quarter 2018

### II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2018 YTD Total
<b>Filings During Year:</b>						
Citations Filed	3,167	1,523	260	294	214	2,291
Violations Charged	4,046	1,985	332	384	283	2,984
<b>Trial Settings During Year:</b>						
Non Jury Trials Set	-	-	0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	1,817	902	178	181	103	1,364
<b>Proceedings:</b>						
Arraignments	2,753	1,308	243	224	197	1,972
Non Jury Trials	-	-	0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	9	2	0	0	1	3
Stipulations to Record	7	5	0	4	0	9
Other Hearings	4,027	1,943	300	310	249	2,802
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	2,537	1,279	186	216	195	1,876
Not Guilty	2	3	0	0	1	4
Dismissed	1,518	745	103	101	73	1,022
Amended	263	91	18	22	11	142
Deferred Driver/Other	702	335	54	50	28	467
Prosecution Resumed	112	83	4	12	7	106
Appeals to Superior Court	5	1	0	0	0	1
Total Disposition	5,139	2,537	365	401	315	3,618
<b>Criminal Fines Revenue:</b>						
DUI Penalties	\$87,191	\$ 46,391	\$2,389	\$5,823	\$5,787	\$60,390
Criminal Traffic	129,094	\$ 59,164	2,951	10,202	4,814	77,132
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	66,042	\$ 32,317	4,923	8,469	3,525	49,234
Recoupments	115,146	\$ 64,455	1,921	10,972	5,643	82,992
<b>Total Fines</b>	<b>\$397,473</b>	<b>\$202,327</b>	<b>\$12,185</b>	<b>\$35,467</b>	<b>\$19,769</b>	<b>\$269,748</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$386,724</b>					<b>\$386,724</b>

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### III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	July	August	September	2018 YTD Total
<b>Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *</b>	\$1,914,552	\$980,779	\$149,597	\$144,398	\$143,572	\$1,418,346

\* Required payments to State Public Safety Education. Revenue for these payments is included as part of the total fine. Revenue figures presented are net of these payments.

### IV. Collection Statistics -- Municipal Court Outstanding Time-Pay Contracts

	As of 9/30/2018
<b>Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**</b>	\$2,319,318

\*\*After judgment the offender makes arrangements with the court to pay their outstanding fines. If the offender does not make a payment in 30 days and does not make an effort with the court to make other arrangements to pay, the account is considered in arrears. A final notice is mailed to the person in arrears. If ignored the account is then turned over to collection.

The collection agency is mandated by the state of Washington to write off accounts still owing ten years after the judgment date due to the statute of limitations. The statute of limitations covers all fines and restitution.

### V. Outside Collection Agency Statistics

Following, please find summary statistical reports for Municipal Court's 3rd Quarter

	2018 and Prior Years
<b>Outside Collection Agency: ***</b>	
Accounts Assigned in 2014	6,296,484
Accounts Assigned in 2015	5,778,284
Accounts Assigned in 2016	6,254,178
Accounts Assigned in 2017	5,451,692
Accounts Assigned in 2018	3,451,634
<b>Total Assignments</b>	<b>\$27,232,272</b>
<b>Dollars Collected Since 2014</b>	<b>\$4,983,324</b>
<b>Collection Performance Court Accounts</b>	<b>18.30%</b>

\*\*\* Net of cancellation