

MEMORANDUM

March 5, 2019

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: 4th 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 4th Quarter activity through December 31, 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 -- 4th Quarter 2018

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2018 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2018						
Infractions Filed	15,258	9,471	1,094	999	839	12,403
Violations Charged	23,086	14,343	1,684	1,522	1,321	18,870
Mitigation Hearings	1279	895	84	60	27	1,066
Contested Hearings	323	208	28	19	27	282
Show Cause Hearings	163	108	18	10	4	140
Other Hearings On Record	2,171	1,835	276	193	170	2,474
Total	42,280	26,860	3,184	2,803	2,388	35,235
Dispositions During Year: 2018						
Infractions Paid	3,724	2,278	233	295	213	3,019
Failure to Respond	94	80	18	20	4	122
Committed	6,540	4,247	490	432	288	5,457
Not Committed	142	117	24	15	11	167
Dismissed	1,738	1,347	178	173	126	1,824
Amended	83	50	3	7	6	66
Total Disposed	12,321	8,119	946	942	648	10,655
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$1,386,053	\$994,214	\$128,853	\$126,141	\$96,936	\$1,346,144
Budget	\$1,367,599					\$1,367,599

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2018 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	3,167	2,291	257	230	218	2,996
Violations Charged	4,046	2,984	355	300	289	3,928
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set	-	-	0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	1,817	1,364	170	152	116	1,802
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,753	1,972	201	190	197	2,560
Non Jury Trials	-	-	0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	9	3	0	1	1	5
Stipulations to Record	7	9	0	1	3	13
Other Hearings	4,027	2,802	325	280	277	3,684
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	2,537	1,876	237	176	122	2,411
Not Guilty	2	4	0	1	0	5
Dismissed	1,518	1,022	114	105	68	1,309
Amended	263	142	15	20	12	189
Deferred Driver/Other	702	467	53	38	45	603
Prosecution Resumed	112	106	13	9	7	135
Appeals to Superior Court	5	1	0	1	0	2
Total Disposition	5,139	3,618	432	350	254	4,654
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$87,191	\$ 60,390	\$8,155	\$9,350	\$4,406	\$82,301
Criminal Traffic	129,094	77,132	13,183	10,626	6,083	107,025
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	66,042	49,234	11,813	6,074	4,005	71,126
Recoupments	115,146	82,992	10,237	7,834	8,985	110,048
Total Fines	\$397,473	\$269,748	\$43,387	\$33,883	\$23,480	\$370,499
Total Budget	\$386,724					\$386,724

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2017 Prior Year	2018 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2018 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$1,914,552	\$1,418,346	\$172,887	\$160,804	\$133,338	\$1,885,375

* 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 12/31/2018
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$1,983,781

**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
Outside Collection Agency: ***	
Accounts Assigned in 2014	6,299,578
Accounts Assigned in 2015	5,777,730
Accounts Assigned in 2016	6,252,269
Accounts Assigned in 2017	5,448,887
Accounts Assigned in 2018	4,563,638
Total Assignments	\$28,342,102
Dollars Collected Since 2014	\$5,389,388
Collection Performance Court Accounts	19.02%

*** Net of cancellation