

MEMORANDUM

June 18, 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: 1st Quarter 2019 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 1st Quarter activity through March 31, 2019. Detailed reports are available from the Office of the Municipal Court. Prior year totals for 2018 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 -- 1st Quarter 2019

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	January	February	March	2019 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2019						
Infractions Filed	12,403	0	1,124	951	1,119	3,194
Violations Charged	18,870	0	1,712	1,509	1,665	4,886
Mitigation Hearings	1066	0	64	43	60	167
Contested Hearings	282	0	35	19	15	69
Show Cause Hearings	140	0	8	4	8	20
Other Hearings On Record	2,474	0	215	202	179	596
Total	42,280	0	3,158	2,728	3,046	8,932
Dispositions During Year: 2019						
Infractions Paid	3,019	-	213	196	325	734
Failure to Respond	122	-	3	4	5	12
Committed	5,457	-	446	337	374	1,157
Not Committed	167	-	29	10	9	48
Dismissed	1,824	-	219	135	148	502
Amended	66	-	7	6	3	16
Total Disposed	10,655	-	917	688	864	2,469
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$1,062,893		\$82,299	\$94,104	\$141,117	\$317,520
Budget	\$1,367,599					\$1,367,599

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	January	February	March	2019 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	2,996		247	214	239	700
Violations Charged	3,928		339	286	315	940
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set	-		0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	1,802		213	141	143	497
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,560		231	172	209	612
Non Jury Trials	-		0	0	0	-
Jury Trials	5		0	0	0	-
Stipulations to Record	13		0	0	1	1
Other Hearings	3,684		369	290	343	1,002
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	2,411		201	228	222	651
Not Guilty	5		0	0	0	-
Dismissed	1,309		93	104	130	327
Amended	189		20	20	10	50
Deferred Driver/Other	603		41	37	55	133
Prosecution Resumed	135		9	12	7	28
Appeals to Superior Court	2		0	0	1	1
Total Disposition	4,654	-	364	401	425	1,190
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$82,301	\$ -	\$5,318	\$5,866	\$9,334	\$20,518
Criminal Traffic	107,025	-	8,038	9,076	12,176	29,289
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	71,126	-	7,927	5,733	10,489	24,148
Recoupments	110,048	-	7,755	9,241	15,329	32,325
Total Fines	\$370,500	\$0	\$29,038	\$29,915	\$47,327	\$106,281
Total Budget	\$344,630					\$344,630

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	January	February	March	2019 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$1,885,375	\$0	\$145,770	\$136,338	\$214,534	\$496,642

* 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 3/31/2019
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$1,920,728

**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 Municipal Court's quarterly summary statistical report.

	2019 and Prior Years
Outside Collection Agency: ***	
Accounts Assigned in 2015	5,777,081
Accounts Assigned in 2016	6,242,859
Accounts Assigned in 2017	5,444,988
Accounts Assigned in 2018	4,566,646
Accounts Assigned in 2019	1,029,778
Total Assignments	\$23,061,352
Dollars Collected Since 2015	\$5,304,328
Collection Performance Court Accounts	23.00%

*** Net of cancellation

**Qtrly. Report
Municipal Court
2019 First Quarter
Infractions:**

	Prior Qtrs.	January	February	March	Year to Date Total	
Infractions Filed		1,124	951	1,119	3,194	
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Mitigation Hearings		64	43	60	167	
Contested Hearings		35	19	15	69	
Show Cause Hearings		8	4	8	20	
Other/Deferred Findings		215	202	179	596	
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Dispositions:						
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Committed FTR		3	4	5	12	
Committed		446	337	374	1,157	
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Dismissed		219	135	148	502	
Amended		7	6	3	16	
						2,469
Muni Court Traffic Infraction-MIP	0				0	
Traffic Inraction Bureau-TIP	0				0	
Total-Infractions	0	0	0	0	0	

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Criminal Fines:					
Muni Ct. DWI Penalties-MWI	0				0
Muni Ct. Criminal Traffic-MTM	0				0
Muni Ct. Non-Traffic M.D. -MMP	0				0
Muni Court Recoupments-MCR	0				0
	0	0	0	0	0

YVCollection					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
7842	8916	8091	7023	1644	33,516
5777081	6242859	5444988	4566646	1029778	23,061,352
935121	1154081	1274513	1449904	490709	5,304,328
16.19%	18.49%	23.41%	31.75%	47.65%	23.00%

