

MEMORANDUM

9/17/2019

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: 2nd 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 2nd Quarter activity through June 30, 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 -- 2nd Quarter 2019

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	April	May	June	2019 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2019						
Infractions Filed	12,403	3,194	1,086	958	855	6,093
Violations Charged	18,870	4,886	1,653	1,462	1,316	9,317
Mitigation Hearings	1,066	167	62	53	47	329
Contested Hearings	282	69	35	33	21	158
Show Cause Hearings	140	20	12	7	5	44
Other Hearings On Record	2,474	596	234	179	181	1,190
Total	42,280	8,932	3,082	2,692	2,425	17,131
Dispositions During Year: 2019						
Infractions Paid	3,019	734	252	282	203	1,471
Failure to Respond	122	12	6	6	13	37
Committed	5,457	1,157	447	366	339	2,309
Not Committed	167	48	18	18	8	92
Dismissed	1,824	502	158	171	137	968
Amended	66	16	3	1	-	20
Total Disposed	10,655	2,469	884	844	700	4,897
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 1,062,893	\$ 317,520	\$ 132,276	\$ 108,125	\$ 72,520	\$ 630,441
Budget	\$ 1,367,599					\$ 1,367,599

Yakima Municipal Court -- 2nd Quarter 2019

II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	April	May	June	2019 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	2,996	700	201	258	223	1,382
Violations Charged	3,928	940	269	321	287	1,817
Trial Settings During Year:						
Non Jury Trials Set	-	-	1	1	-	2
Jury Trials	1,802	497	111	160	134	902
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,560	612	195	196	206	1,209
Non Jury Trials	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	5	-	1	-	-	1
Stipulations to Record	13	-	-	3	-	3
Other Hearings	3,684	1,002	258	328	256	1,844
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	2,411	651	217	199	185	1,252
Not Guilty	5	-	1	-	-	1
Dismissed	1,309	327	94	84	109	614
Amended	189	50	18	9	11	88
Deferred Driver/Other	603	133	64	70	35	302
Prosecution Resumed	135	28	15	10	19	72
Appeals to Superior Court	2	1	-	-	-	1
Total Disposition	4,654	1,190	409	372	359	2,330
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$ 82,301	\$ 20,518	\$ 5,961	\$ 4,978	\$ 5,036	\$ 36,494
Criminal Traffic	107,025	29,289	\$ 11,888	\$ 7,776	\$ 5,776	54,729
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	71,126	24,148	\$ 5,990	\$ 10,613	\$ 4,019	44,769
Recoupments	110,048	32,325	\$ 12,084	\$ 8,736	\$ 9,016	62,161
Total Fines	\$ 370,500	\$ 106,281	\$ 35,922	\$ 32,103	\$ 23,846	\$ 198,152
Total Budget	\$ 344,630					\$ 344,630

Yakima Municipal Court -- 2nd Quarter 2019

III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2018 Prior Year	2019 Prior Quarters	April	May	June	2019 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,885,375	\$ 496,642	\$ 152,995	\$ 154,912	\$ 125,977	\$ 930,525

* 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 6/30/2019
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 1,900,587

**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	\$ 5,426,397
Accounts Assigned in 2016	\$ 6,243,248
Accounts Assigned in 2017	\$ 5,444,688
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,562,700
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 2,147,909
Total Assignments	\$ 23,824,942
Dollars Collected Since 2015	\$ 5,732,893
Collection Performance Court Accounts	24.06%

*** Net of cancellation