

MEMORANDUM

2/4/2020

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Alex Meyerhoff, Interim City Manager

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

SUBJECT: 4th 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 4th Quarter activity through December 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 -- 4th Quarter 2019

I. Municipal Court Infraction Statistics

	2018 Prior Year Statistics	2019 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2019 YTD Total
Filings -- Proceedings During Year: 2019						
Infractions Filed	12,403	8,675	798	655	627	10,755
Violations Charged	18,870	13,291	1,178	978	947	16,394
Mitigation Hearings	Meyerhoff, Interim City	510	81	49	46	686
Contested Hearings	282	220	22	13	7	262
Show Cause Hearings	140	62	6	6	8	82
Other Hearings On Record	2,474	1,678	215	123	118	2,134
Total	42,280	24,436	2,300	1,824	1,753	30,313
Dispositions During Year: 2019						
Infractions Paid	3,019	2,096	194	165	132	2,587
Failure to Respond	122	51	5	1	1	58
Committed	5,457	3,438	412	289	260	4,399
Not Committed	167	133	15	3	4	155
Dismissed	1,824	1,371	149	99	97	1,716
Amended	66	42	8	-	3	53
Total Disposed	10,655	7,131	783	557	497	8,968
Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Revenues	\$ 1,062,893	\$ 955,278	\$ 91,198	\$ 70,653	\$ 125,670	\$ 1,242,799
Budget	\$ 1,280,278					\$ 1,280,278

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II. Municipal Court Criminal Statistics

	2018 Prior Year Statistics	2019 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2019 YTD Total
Filings During Year:						
Citations Filed	2,996	1,953	220	160	239	2,572
Violations Charged	3,928	2,552	326	214	304	3,396
Trial Settings During Year:	Alex Meyerhoff, Interim City					
Non Jury Trials Set	-	2	1	-	-	3
Jury Trials	1,802	1,340	114	111	105	1,670
Proceedings:						
Arraignments	2,560	1,734	217	142	205	2,298
Non Jury Trials	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jury Trials	5	3	2	-	-	5
Stipulations to Record	13	5	1	3	3	12
Other Hearings	3,684	2,897	295	263	302	3,757
Dispositions:						
Bail Forfeitures	-	-				-
Guilty	2,411	1,826	188	174	151	2,339
Not Guilty	5	2	-	-	-	2
Dismissed	1,309	901	89	106	103	1,199
Amended	189	142	14	13	11	180
Deferred Driver/Other	603	480	56	40	42	618
Prosecution Resumed	135	94	15	40	9	158
Appeals to Superior Court	2	2	-	1	-	3
Total Disposition	4,654	3,447	362	374	316	4,499
Criminal Fines Revenue:						
DUI Penalties	\$ 82,301	\$ 57,302	\$ 3,992	\$ 4,385	\$ 10,266	\$ 75,946
Criminal Traffic	107,025	\$ 80,198	\$ 6,565	\$ 7,085	\$ 11,132	104,979
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	71,126	\$ 56,526	\$ 4,050	\$ 5,227	\$ 6,733	72,536
Recoupments	110,048	\$ 87,624	\$ 9,025	\$ 8,559	\$ 9,950	115,158
Total Fines	\$ 370,500	\$ 281,649	\$ 23,632	\$ 25,256	\$ 38,081	\$ 368,619
Total Budget	\$ 378,501					\$ 378,501

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III. Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Statistics

	2018 Prior Year Statistics	2019 Prior Quarters	October	November	December	2019 YTD Total
Public Safety Education Assessment (PSEA) Payments *	\$ 1,885,375	\$ 1,346,689	\$ 130,153	\$ 115,275	\$ 115,695	\$ 1,707,812

* 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 12/31/2019
Outstanding Municipal Court Time-Pay Agreements**	\$ 1,747,361

**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	\$ 5,697,898
Accounts Assigned in 2016	\$ 6,202,324
Accounts Assigned in 2017	\$ 5,407,721
Accounts Assigned in 2018	\$ 4,530,525
Accounts Assigned in 2019	\$ 4,148,582
Total Assignments	\$ 25,987,050
Dollars Collected Since 2015	\$ 6,396,063
Collection Performance Court Accounts	24.61%

*** Net of cancellation